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PALMER HIGH GRADUATION

Parents want commencement held on Legion Field

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – Some parents expressed disappointment after Palmer High School Superintendent Patricia Gardner said graduation exercises will be held in front of the school like last year rather than on Legion Field.

The issue was front and center during an April 14 Palmer School Committee meeting. Gardner said Massachusetts Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley advocates for a smaller, more easily controlled venue.

“We thought our graduation last year went really well,” Gardner said.

“It was very nice and hopeful-

ly this will be the last year that we have to do it.”

She also said graduates will be given six tickets for family members who can watch the ceremony from the parking lot while observing social distancing protocols in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gardner said she understands everyone is ready for things to return to normal, but must continue to move cautiously throughout the pandemic given the recent raise in cases.

“It’s not a perfect situation,” she said.

“Last year we had a graduation early with the commissioner’s blessing and we had one when many people did not,” Gardner said.

“It’s not the perfect venue, but we feel like in working with the health department, it is our best bet to do it there again this year.”

Following the meeting, some parents said they want a better send-off for their students. Some complained that it was difficult to view commencement last year and that Legion Field not only offers better viewing but is large enough to allow social distancing.

The grads are “missing out on every single thing,” parent Lynn Brown said.

“I don’t understand why we can’t have graduation on Legion field,” she said.

“At first it was because the bleachers were going to be under construction and now, they’re not.

You’re not going to tell me the parking lot of faculty parking lot at Palmer High School is bigger than Legion Field. At Legion Field, you could spread out and we’d all be on the same level. There is a big slope in the parking lot, so if you’re in the back, you’re not going to see anything going on at graduation.”

Another parent, Ranae Lombardi, said they have dealt with multiple restrictions for the past year-and-a-half and this would have been a good opportunity to give students – and parents – one last, great memory.

“It’s sad,” Lombardi said.

“These are their best years of their lives and the chance to make



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden
Some parents of Palmer High School seniors said they prefer graduation for the Class of 2021 be held on Legion Field rather than in front of the school like last year.

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REMEMBRANCE

Palmer High legend honored by alma mater

SPRINGFIELD – The American International College men’s basketball team locker room will enjoy a much-needed makeover with help from friends in the community and have a new name.

The facility will be named in honor of the late Frank Oppedisano, a fixture in Palmer for decades and a member of the AIC Class of 1967. Oppedisano played basketball for AIC, where he majored in history. He went on to teach history at Palmer High for nearly 40 years and coached the basketball team there for a quarter century.

Oppedisano, a Springfield native, passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2020. He was 74.

In addition to their fundraising effort, last March, AIC Athletics engaged alumni and supporters during Athletics Giving Week. Donors were asked to consider giving to a general fund or team of their choice with proceeds from the campaign earmarked to benefit student-athletes and athletic programs at the College.

Head Men’s Basketball Coach Andy Burkholder knew exactly where funds raised for men’s basketball could best be used.

“If you have ever been part of a team, you know that the wins are great and the losses hurt. The things you remember most are the times spent with teammates, in the dorms, at the dining commons, and in the locker room,” he said.

“For more than fifteen years, our team has had the same lock-



Courtesy photos
Frank Oppedisano, Class of '67, during his college days at AIC.

er room. Athletics Giving Week success for men’s basketball will not only give our student-athletes much needed equipment and gear to represent AIC while they are on the road, but – in conjunction with funds set aside by friends of Frank – it will provide them with a destination of their own when they are home: A place of pride on campus where they can hang out and build important bonds.”

The new locker room will offer additional locker space, new flooring, Yellow Jacket branding throughout, and will be named in honor of Oppedisano, who was a four-year member of the AIC basketball team.

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One on One with the PHS Superintendent’s Academic Award of Excellence nominees

PALMER — Resilience has been the theme for students and educators in all communities for the past year, but that doesn’t mean celebrating excellence has fallen by the wayside.

In about a month, one of seven Palmer High School seniors nominated for the annual Superintendent’s Award will be feted at a banquet to be held outdoors under a tent. The name of the student selected for the prestigious honor will be kept under wraps until the May 26 banquet. Supt. Patricia Gardner said the seven nominees considered for the award are the most ever, which says quite a bit about the depth of the Class of ’21.

In the meantime, here’s some insight about the seven nominees – Kendall Levasseur, Jacob Mastalerz, Hannah Mega, Miyah Mega, Abby Rathbone, Olivia Sloat, and Karissa Woods. We sent each one a questionnaire intended to help them express their feelings about Palmer High and share a little bit about who they are as individuals. Here are their responses:

Kendall LeVasseur

Age: 18
College/post-high school plans: Study environmental science at Siena College

Who has influenced you most during high school?

My mom, Denise LeVasseur, was always my biggest supporter who pushed me to be my best self everyday.



Kendall LeVasseur

What’s something you were nervous about when first starting high school that turned out to be something you can laugh about now?

Being able to get all my credits to graduate, I thought it was so much harder to do than it was.

Favorite class/subject? Yearbook.

Name one class/subject you never thought you’d like, but came to appreciate:

Yearbook. I tried it out as a filled class, but it turned out that I loved it.

What’s one thing you learned in high school that changed your life?

Choosing self happiness will lead you to an honest and better overall life.

The best thing about high school was...

The relationships with teachers and WEEKENDS!

The best thing about senior year was...

Getting the opportunity to live out our last year with the people it all began with.

Which emoji best sums up your senior year?



What’s the first song on your go-to playlist? “Simple” by Florida Georgia Line

Last book read (or currently reading): “Of Mice and Men.”

In 100 words or fewer, please discuss what Palmer High School means to you and/or how you would like to be remembered:

Palmer High has been a great experience with endless memories with people I will never forget. The experiences this school has provided like Costa Rica, sport rallies, and outside opportunities has changed my life forever, and I will cherish these past four years forever. PHS has always been a safe environment with understanding staff that was always there for a person no matter how close they are with them. I have always tried to be a passionate student who makes others laugh and smile, while including everyone around me. Being into every sports game with my loud mouth while also a role model for underclassmen.



Jacob Mastalerz

Jacob Mastalerz

Age: 18
College/post-high school plans: UMass Amherst - Biomedical Engineering

Who has influenced you most during high school? Ms. Chapin, PHS English Teacher.

What’s something you were nervous about when first starting high school that turned out to be something you can laugh about now? Scheduling my classes.

Favorite class/subject? Math.

Name one class/subject you never thought you’d like, but came to appreciate: American Government.

What’s one thing you learned in high school that changed your life?

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COUNTDOWN TO THE SHOW

Never know who you’ll run into at this antique dealer’s tent

By Michael Harrison
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BRIMFIELD — In less than three weeks, the show that almost wasn’t gets underway. The first installment of Brimfield Antique Flea Markets 2001 kicks off May 11. After the 2020 show was cancelled because of the pandemic, it was uncertain if this year’s would start on time.

Opening season is a trial run of sorts. Brimfield Auction Acres, owned by Kate and Rusty Corriveau, will be the lone field – albeit with 250 dealers – with the rest of the shows planning to join them for the summer and fall weeks. This will be the first show under pandemic guidelines and Auction Acres will be a model for their peers.

In the meantime, we’re high-



lighting some of the more notable dealers you’ll see at Auction Acres this spring. The Corriveaus helped provide the information below:

Dealer name: Dan Seldin

What sets him apart

17th century through mid 20th century decorative arts furniture. Also known as “mid-century modern.” Known for finding the unusual things. Stays current as possible. On top of what’s trending, such as antique architectural decorative garden-related items, including furniture, statues, and yard art, “particularly because people are doing much more home improvement it’s much more popular today than years ago.”

History with Brimfield Auction Acres

Has been at Brimfield Auction Acres (J&J) for over 20 years. The Corriveaus say: “One thing



Courtesy photo
Dan Seldin, shown with one of his better known shoppers, Angelica Huston (left), loves the Brimfield Auction Acres Show.

he loves about the Brimfield Auction Acres Show is that usually it is two days on Friday and Saturday,

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DAY TRIPPING

Finding the finer things in Holland and Monson

By Michael Harrison
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REGION — A couple of months ago, I started chronicling my wanderings around the Journal’s coverage area since moving to Western Mass. nine months ago. Even with the restrictions of life during a pandemic, I said I was determined to learn my way around, experience life as a local resident, and discover some “hidden” treasures.

The challenge I gave myself was to see what I can find and do within an hour of my home base in Holland. In that first outing, I really tried to cram in as much as I could in an hour and I’ll probably do something like that again but this time, I let myself savor the moment a little longer than last time. It’s no coincidence that last time, it was the middle of winter (though to be fair, one of the nicer



Turley Publications photos by Michael Harrison
Westview Farms Creamery offers artisan ice cream, a fantastic view – and baby goats!

days) and more recently, a pretty nice spring day.

There wasn’t a particular plan, but the day had “scenery” and “sun” written all over it. With my

partner, Megan, and our Chihuahuas, Libby and Chickpea along for the ride, we just followed the sun. The first stop was Lake Siog

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Two-car crash caused by wrong-way driver

STURBRIDGE – Three people are dead following a crash on Saturday, April 17, when the driver of one car headed west in the eastbound lanes of Route 84, before exit 6B in Sturbridge.

The crash occurred a few minutes after 6 p.m., and both cars caught on fire from the crash, according to officials, with occupants trapped inside.

A 2009 Nissan Murano, driven by Deyja Jackson, 40, of Worcester was traveling west in the eastbound lanes of Route 84 prior to Exit 6B, when it struck a 2011 Volvo XC60 traveling east on the eastbound side. The Volvo was driven by Irene Karam, 83, of Manchester, New Hampshire, and there was an occupant of her car, Patricia Knauer, of Deland, Florida, according to State Police.

The Sturbridge Fire Department was dispatched to Interstate 84 eastbound near exit 6B for a reported two-car motor vehicle accident, where firefighters found two vehicles on fire, with each having heavy front-end damage, according to Fire Chief John Grasso.

As fire crews fought to extinguish the fires rescue attempts were made, but due to the intensity of the fire, were unsuccessful, he said. All three people died in the crash.

The Massachusetts State Police Accident Reconstruction Team was on scene as was the Medical Examiner and The Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

The facts and circumstances surrounding the crash remain under investigation by Troop C of the Massachusetts State Police, the State Police Detective Unit for Worcester County, the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the State Police Crime Scene Services Section and the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

Troopers were assisted on scene by Sturbridge Fire and EMS, Southbridge Fire, MassDOT, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

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CELEBRATING OUR TREES

Several ways for Western Mass to participate in Arbor Day



This year, Arbor Day is scheduled to take place on April 30. This day is centered around celebrating and understanding the value of trees.

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REGION – With National Arbor Day taking place April 30, a day for celebrating the importance of trees, the need for town clean ups and tree planting has increased for Western Mass residents such as Lorraine Wisniewski.

Wisniewski said as someone who has been responsible for working to revitalize the Three Rivers area, including placing planters on Main Street, she tries to share her passion for increasing the number of trees in the area. Wisniewski said for this Arbor Day, she would like to inspire as many people as she can to plant trees



Residents across western Massachusetts will have the opportunity to celebrate the importance and value of trees, and possibly planting some of their own, on April 30.

across town and at their homes for several reasons.

"One reason to plant is to improve the environment and the air we breathe, a place for the birds and for shade during the summer," Wisniewski said.

"Other benefits to having trees around your home is reducing air conditioning costs, increased wildlife habitat, an increased aesthetic of your home and increased property value."

She also said planting trees at home reduces soil erosion.

Arborist and owner of Ganesh Tree and Plant Healthcare Joseph Kowalski said the types of trees which could be planted depend on the location.

"There's a very famous saying, 'right tree for right place,'" Kowalski said.

"You want to make sure you don't plant a tree too big someplace under (utility) wires or too close to a building."

He also said visiting the Arbor Day website (arborday.org) would help determine what trees are appropriate, as well as where they can be planted.

"Two major choices you have to make is if you want it to be native or non-native and the right tree for the right place," Kowalski said.

"There can be a suitable red maple in one place and it would be totally inappropriate in another. You could also have a crab apple tree, which would be great in a number of locations."

Another way Western Massachusetts residents are honoring Arbor Day is through Grassroots Central Mass. This vol-



Courtesy Photos

"Vernal Girl" is one of the characters that will greet participants in the Trees Are Treasures forest treasure hunt

unteer program, which focuses on issues such as climate change, will be collaborating with the East Quabbin Land Trust for Trees Are Treasures. This woodland treasure hunt will be taking place in Hardwick on April 24 and 25.

A celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, the event is a forest treasure hunt and a fun, free way to gain appreciation for the forest environment and the roles it plays for our personal and environmental health. Grassroots Central Mass has spread this outdoor event over two days to keep everyone COVID-safe. Visit the trailside treasures and you can go home with a free sugar maple or red bud tree seedling.

There will also be an environmental book swap: Bring one, take one, or both.

There is no charge for this event, held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days in cooperation with East Quabbin Land Trust at EQLT's Patrill Hollow preserve, Route 32A (Hardwick Road) entrance, in Hardwick. For more information on the event, visit grassrootscentralmass.com.

Federated Church to host 71st and final annual auction



Courtesy photo

Chair artisans, Tim Bardsley, left, and Brian Rhea, right, celebrated with the successful bidders for the 2019 chairs, Beverly Leaman, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, winner of the Publick House Chair and Karen Schoch, of Henniker, New Hampshire, winner of the Sturbridge Chair. This year's auction, which is the last auction the church will hold, will be held on Aug. 14.

STURBRIDGE – The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale will hold its 71st and final Annual Antique Auction on Saturday, Aug. 14, on the beautiful Sturbridge Common across from the landmark Publick House Historic Inn. The auction will be held, rain or shine, under tent, with a preview of items to be sold beginning at 9 a.m. and bidding starting promptly at 10 a.m.

A real old fashioned country auction, this event is known as the longest annually held church auction in the nation, according to auction committee chair, Tim Bardsley. Items up for bid include an assortment of antique items and collectibles donated by church and community members, many in original condition and some lovingly restored by local artisans.

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Viewpoints

Earth Day and Arbor Day: Get inspired for the environment's sake

Last week's annoying snow storm notwithstanding, spring is rounding the home stretch to full bloom and many of us look forward to spending more time outdoors. And right on cue, Earth Day is April 22 and Arbor Day is April 30.

It's as good a time as any to pause and reflect on the environment and what each of us can do to be good stewards of our Mother Earth. Even better than thinking about it is doing something to make a difference. There are so many things each of us can do that helps. Just turning off the lights in unoccupied rooms, switching to LED bulbs and fixing dripping faucets are simple, positive actions we can all do in the name of sustainable living. For those who don't mind getting down and dirty, planting a tree is a gift to the environment that keeps on giving (get more information about appropriate trees for our area at arborday.org).

A river clean-up event planned for last Saturday was postponed because of the nor'easter and has been rescheduled for May 8. Circle the date and simply show up at 9 a.m. at Laviolette Field in Three Rivers (for more information, contact Sarah Fortune at 413-626-7084 or sfortune@townofpalmer.com).

Homeowners can take advantage of an offer by the The Great American Rain Barrel Company to purchase a rain barrel at a wholesale price of \$79. This is unquestionably one of the best things you can do for the environment because rain barrels not only conserve water, but also prevent contaminated runoff from reaching our rivers and streams. To order, go to greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/ and select "Springfield" under community programs.

Want more earth-friendly tips? Consider:

- Checking thrift shops for things you need before purchasing new.
- When you do buy things, scrutinize packaging and try to avoid what can't be recycled or isn't biodegradable.
- Plant a garden to attract butterflies and bees.
- Compost your food scraps rather than throw them in the trash.
- Take reusable bags to the supermarket.
- Consider walking or bike riding rather than taking the car, when possible.
- Clean up after your dog during walks or even in your own yard (again, the runoff issue).

That's just a small, random sample of the many things all of us can do to help protect the environment many of us cherish and all of us depend on. Showing care and concern for the environment shouldn't be confined to Earth Day and Arbor Day. But if you're someone who hasn't given much thought to the environment and what you can do to make a difference, there are no better days to start.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

When can I get benefits from my ex-spouse?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I know that I am able to get Social Security from my ex-husband. We were married for 16 years and I have not remarried. I will be 60 soon and he is 63. I do not know if he is retired yet, as we do not speak. Please advise when I can collect and how to go about the process. Signed: Divorced Lady

Dear Divorced Lady: Since you were married to your ex for more than 10 years and haven't remarried, you may be able to collect a spousal benefit from your ex-husband when you are 62-years-old. Your eligibility will depend upon the amount of your own personal Social Security benefit compared to your ex's benefit amount, but you cannot collect an ex-spouse benefit before age 62. To be eligible for a benefit from your ex-spouse, you must also claim your personal Social Security from your own lifetime work record, and when you claim your own benefit, an ex-spouse benefit will be given, if you are entitled to one.

To be eligible for a benefit from your ex-spouse, your personal Social Security retirement benefit at your own full retirement age (FRA) must be less than 50% of the benefit your ex-husband would get at his FRA (note that FRA amounts are used for this determination, regardless of the age at which either of you claim Social Security). If your FRA benefit amount is less than half of his FRA benefit amount, then you will be entitled to a "spousal boost" to bring your total payment up to your spousal entitlement. But taken at age 62, both of those amounts will be reduced.

Your full retirement age is 67, and if you claim any Social Security benefit before that it will be reduced. At 62, your personal Social Security retirement benefit will be cut by 30% and your spousal boost will also be reduced. So, at age 62, the total amount of benefit you could get (your own benefit plus your spousal boost) would be about 32.5% of your ex-husband's FRA benefit amount. Nonetheless, if you are comfortable with these benefit

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Enjoy Earth Day while rethinking your gardening practices

Die-hard gardeners celebrate Earth Day year round, I feel. We take pleasure in our yards and the bounty our gardens produce. But when the formal holiday of April 22nd approaches, I pause, analyze my own practices and make sure they are still in tune with my beliefs. While not a purist, I generally try to tread lightly on Mother Earth. I encourage you to take inventory this week as well, and if so inspired, adopt some of the following ideals borrowed from previous columns and add them to your own routines.

Feed the soil, not the plant. Have your soil tested and ask for organic recommendations to correct nutrient deficiencies. Replenishing your garden with amendments like rock phosphate and greensand will help to create long-lasting nutrient storehouses. Healthy soil will produce plants that are less prone to insect and disease problems.

Start a compost pile. Layer your vegetable and yard waste, keep it moist and give it a turn; after a few days turn it again. After a short time it will decompose, leaving behind a great source of organic matter. No matter how you garden, be it vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruits or even shrubs, each benefit from a yearly top dressing of "black gold."

Make compost tea. Are your transplants looking a little pale? Rather than sprinkling them with "blue water," perk them up with home-brewed compost tea. Mix one part well-rotted compost or manure to five parts water and allow it to sit for a week or more. Strain before foliar feeding your plants. Or, take a cup of the manure, pop it in a square of muslin and let it steep in a five gallon bucket. Fill your watering can no straining necessary.

Shop Mom and Pop. Develop a relationship with the garden center you buy your plants and gardening supplies from. Ask them to carry organic seeds, potting soils and pest control options. A friend of mine pestered one local company so much that they now carry everything I mentioned above as well as organic livestock feed.

Reduce, reuse, recycle! I first became familiar with this catch phrase back in 1990, when Earth Day celebrations went global. In the context of plastic pots and other containers used to grow or move plants, I'd like to think that the local Mom and Pop shop would take back the pots you bought their plants in and use them to grow

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

next years crop. If not, maybe you could reuse them to start some homegrown seedlings and recycle the rest. I sure do, and when they get old and tattered I double them up! An even better solution for earth-conscious growers would be to replace plastic with fiber (stronger than peat and made from recycled materials to boot).

Use the least toxic measures to control bugs and other garden thugs. Beer to trap slugs, and baking soda for black spot, the list of remedies to fight garden maladies is numerous and not always a stretch of the imagination. If you choose a chemical option, follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Assuming that more is better is outdated and dangerous thinking! We especially worry about our pollinator populations these days.

Conserve water. We all know that watering during the heat of the day results in lots of moisture lost to evaporation while watering in the evening can make plants more prone to disease. What to do? For happy, hydrated plants water in the early morning hours instead. Hand watering at the base of each plant or using soaker hoses or drip irrigation is far better than overhead sprinklers when it comes to conservation and disease prevention.

Extend the harvest. Do you know how far most fruits and vegetables have to travel to reach the local supermarket? Probably far more than the average American travels in a year's time. Frustrated? Then read up on various methods of extending the use of your own garden bounty past the growing season. This could mean growing a few veggies like winter squash, onions or garlic, all of which store well. It could also mean trying your hand at freezing or drying some of your produce for use in the offseason. I just thawed out some roasted peppers for dinner tonight. It is a good feeling. Few of us can feed ourselves entirely, but whatever we can grow offsets the rest.

Enjoy Earth Day while rethinking your gardening practices.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

How COVID-19 masks affect people during the pandemic

By Finn Sliwoski

Many people have been affected by the recent COVID-19 pandemic in different ways. It has been sad and scary to hear about the problems it has caused. I hope to show in this opinion essay, why I feel wearing masks should be an individual choice.

I think it is important to be sensible about when and why masks are worn, and by whom. All who leave their homes have been made to wear masks in order to keep people safe. What some people may not be aware of is how some are affected negatively by this forced mask wearing. One well known problem is the ever famous "mask breath" and the restriction of breathing that goes along with wearing masks when in public places. These masks make breathing hard and are possibly dangerous for many people, especially those doing physically straining activities, like going out for exercise.

This is especially true for people working out at a communal gym with other people, where masks are a requirement.

People who are part of the work force, especially essential workers, are spending much of their days behind breath-restricting masks. Most people think about essential workers like police officers, firefighters, and other first responders, along with military staff, doctors and other hospital/medical workers, as well as those workers who keep the grocery stores running.

What about the people who work in construction? They are often overlooked as part of the essential workers group. Construction has continued right through the pandemic. Many of these workers are climbing up and down stairs and ladders while carrying heavy loads all day, and doing a lot of physical labor. Imagine how hard it would be to breathe in that situation when every breath is filtered through a mask.

Now, some experts are encouraging people to wear not just one, but two masks!

Masks also distance people, even when they are sharing the same space. Even with just their mouths covered, people are still never really able to be face-to-face anymore. This can lead to feeling isolated and alone. This is especially sad for those who live alone. This separation has been very hard on those people, for example many of the elderly, who do not have others to share their homes with. The elderly people are also the part of the community that are at the most risk for serious problems if they get the virus. The COVID-19 pandemic and its separation through social distancing and mask wearing, has caused and worsened a lot of mental health problems.

Another health concern is people with existing breathing problems like asthma. They are more at risk for complications from the virus but, it can also be dangerous for them to limit their breathing with mask use. Additional problems with mask wearing exist for those people who wear glasses. When breathing under a mask, glasses continually get fogged up making it hard to see. As a person who wears glasses, I know these difficulties first hand. It is a constant annoyance to be fogging up.

In closing, I believe because of the restrictions and possible dangers of wearing masks, it should be done optionally. Those who are at risk, or who feel safer wearing masks, should be free to do so. Those who do not want to because of the discomfort, possible dangers of mask use, and for those who feel they are not vulnerable to the complications and are not afraid, should be able to choose if, when and where to wear masks.

It makes sense to wear them in places like hospitals or at doctors' offices. These are places you might expect to encounter sick people, or those who are more vulnerable, so it is appropriate to take extra steps to avoid getting sick, or making others sick. Now that people are able to sit down and eat together in restaurants removing their masks, sitting near each other, chewing and chatting while eating and drinking, I think people should have the freedom of choice to do what makes sense for themselves in other situations as well.

Finn Sliwoski attends fourth grade at TECCA, a public online school, and is a resident of Holland.

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Where domestic policy seems headed

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

There's not much question where the Biden administration's domestic priorities lie. Getting the pandemic health crisis under control and moving past its attendant economic crisis were always going to be the first order of business for the new White House. It's what comes afterward—where the administration wants to head, how the American people respond, and what Capitol Hill does with it all—that will give us a sense of whether the country is ready for the kind of change Biden is signaling he wants to bring.

To be sure, some of that change has just been enacted into law. The stimulus package that made it through Congress a few weeks ago was an abrupt shift in tone from Washington. Beginning with Ronald Reagan and lasting to some extent even through Democratic administrations, the prevailing view valued limited government action on the economy, tax breaks for businesses and wealthy Americans, on the theory that their investments would ultimately help everyone else, and at best a wary view of the public sector. The stimulus bill heads the

opposite direction, taking the attitude that forceful government action is needed in this moment and that the way to prosperity lies in helping poor, working-class, and middle-class Americans.

I suspect that a lot of Americans won't care much about the ideology behind the stimulus bill. They'll just judge it on whether it works, and in particular on whether the economy recovers and produces jobs—especially jobs that pay decently. Right on the heels of the stimulus bill, though, will come a host of issues that test both the administration and Congress.

One of them has already begun making headlines, as young migrants and migrant families show up in rising numbers at the southern border and federal officials scramble to shelter and process them, and in many cases, expel them under a Trump administration public health order that Biden is under pressure to drop. This all comes after a flurry of early executive actions aimed at developing a more generous immigration stance and talking up a "path to citizenship" for people in the country illegally and is a reminder that shifts in policy can produce results that overwhelm the best intentions. My sense is

that many Americans would welcome a reasoned and humane approach to immigration, but not if it produces chaos.

And just as Republicans on Capitol Hill are seizing on events at the border to raise the heat on immigration reform efforts, so the other big item on the administration's agenda, infrastructure, may also fall prey to intense partisanship. If ever there was an issue on which Democrats and Republicans ought to be able to carve out agreement, it's spending money to bring roads, highways, bridges, public water systems, and other basics necessary to modern life, up to snuff. So far, the two parties continue to insist they intend to work together, and the Biden administration says that bipartisanship is a priority. But as Democrats push for an expansive view of infrastructure, including cyber-security, public transit, and shifting spending priorities toward cleaner energy, and Republicans insist that they will not back any move to raise taxes to fund infrastructure improvements, the stage is set for a classic Washington face-off.

Beyond that, of course, any number of exceedingly complex issues await action. There's the

pressure to raise the minimum wage, policing reform, climate change, a set of issues around racial equity, and any number of hot-button cultural issues that the wings of both political parties would like to push but the administration so far has shown little interest in addressing.

But what may be the biggest test of all has less to do with policy priorities and the specifics of legislation than with whether Washington can move forward on challenges that matter to the American people. We have had many years now of Washington, collectively, struggling to advance on issues of importance to the day-to-day lives of Americans. Our political leaders have a chance to reset our expectations of what they can accomplish. Here's hoping they take the opportunity to do so.

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Frank Oppedisano Class Class of '67 (far left) at a AIC Basketball Jersey Retirement Celebration for former teammate Henry Payne on Feb. 8, 2020. He passed away unexpectedly about a month later.

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ketball program. Before his passing last year, Oppedisano was a regular at AIC men's basketball home games and routinely provided congratulations after a win, or unconditional support in defeat.

"Frank was truly proud to be a Yellow Jacket and was clearly invested in the success of student-athletes," Burkholder said. "The new locker room named in his memory will be a place to build memories."

Due to health and safety regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the official dedication of the Oppedisano Locker Room will take place at a future date when the community can be invited to participate.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Brimfield flea market schedule

Brimfield Auction Acres is all set for the opening of the spring season that begins May 11. All other Brimfield Antique and Collectible show fields are waiting for the July 13-18 show to open. Here's a list of the fields and their schedule for the entire season:

| Show Season Schedule | May 11-16 | July 11-18 | Sept. 7-12 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Black Swan Meadows | No | Yes | Yes |
| Brimfield Acres North | No | Yes | Yes |
| Brimfield Auction Acres (aka-J&J) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Central Park Antiques | No | Yes | Yes |
| Collins Apple Barn | No | Yes | Yes |
| Crystal Brook | No | Yes | Yes |
| Dealer's Choice | No | Yes | Yes |
| Grand Trunk | No | Yes | Yes |
| Green Acres | No | Yes | Yes |
| Heart-O-The Mart | No | Yes | Yes |
| Hertan's Antique Shows | No | Yes | Yes |
| Mahogany Ridge | No | Yes | Yes |
| May's Antique Market | No | Yes | Yes |
| Midway | No | Yes | Yes |
| NE Motel Antique Market | No | Yes | Yes |
| Quaker Acres | No | Yes | Yes |
| Shelton Antique Shows | No | Yes | Yes |
| Stephen's Place | No | Yes | Yes |
| Sturtevant's | No | Yes | Yes |

For more information, go to brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com.

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which affords many different clientele. Never know who is in his tent, some folks can surprise you. The most interesting is the people he meets at shows. Famous and not, but many celebrities, including Christie Brinkley, Angelica Huston, Billy Joel, Harvey Fierstein (all the time), Anthony Hopkins (up for an Oscar on Sunday). Antique shoppers are into the arts and culture.

Pro tips for first-timers:

- Antique dealers have truly been affected emotionally as well as financially by not being able to participate in the Brimfield Shows last year. They miss so many of their friends (shoppers and dealers alike). To true antique dealers Brimfield is the the Mecca, although with just this one show, you will get a glimpse of the eclectic mix. A great time for a new person to get an understanding of the shows – then multiply it for next July.

- Be prepared for the weather – wear high boots and cash helps make the deals. (although they do take plastic) - If you can't bring it home in your car, delivery is very easy to find these days.

— The Corriveauas

Pandemic guidelines

Mask wearing and social distancing is expected. "We (Auction Acres) are setting the precedent how these shows can be done responsibly, and we need all folks to comply to help us have a tremendous and socially loving show," the Corriveauas say.

Final thoughts

"We are grateful to the Town of Brimfield and state for allowing us this opportunity to bring 'Brimfield' back home. Both Anne Gobi and Todd Smola also supported us and our safety plan, to which we are grateful."

– Kate and Rusty Corriveau



During the April 14 Palmer School Committee meeting, Palmer Public Schools superintendent Patricia Gardner announced the June 6 graduation would take place in front of the Palmer High, with attendees watching in the parking lot.

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the most memories and they've missed out on everything."

She also said she does not understand why Legion Field isn't considered the best option. "It's a small num-

ber of students and even if each child brought 10 family members down, they could still spread out," she said.

Graduation is scheduled for June 6.

2.4 million meals donated to food banks from Big Y

SPRINGFIELD — To facilitate this past season of giving food to those in need, Big Y converted its Sack Hunger campaign from a \$10 bag of groceries to a streamlined \$5 donation to the five food banks within their marketing area.

These regional food banks support local soup kitchens, food pantries, senior food programs, children's programs and more for the 2,100-member agencies they serve every day.

During last November and December, Big Y customers and employees contributed almost \$300,000 to help their friends and neighbors in their communities. In order to expand their support, Big Y matched this contribution, bringing the total up to \$600,000 or 2.4 million meals.

"We appreciate the generosity of our customers and employees in helping us to support our friends and neighbors in need," Big Y president and CEO Charles L. D'Amour said.

"And, we are grateful to our partnerships with our five area food banks for their heroic efforts in serving those most vulnerable in our communities. Being able to provide another 2.4 million meals through our Sack Hunger program helps us to fulfill our mission to feed families."

This past year has seen dramatic increases in food insecurity throughout the region. Big Y's Sack Hunger donation is part of their ongoing support throughout the year including almost

daily donations of meat, fresh produce and bakery along with grocery, frozen food and dairy items. And, based upon this past challenging year due to the pandemic, Big Y had already contributed another \$250,000 in support of the food banks for their work with vulnerable populations.

The five regional food banks are the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, the Worcester County Food Bank, and the Greater Boston Food Bank in Massachusetts, as well as Foodshare and the Connecticut Food Bank in Connecticut. This year's virtual Sack Hunger bags were purchased from amongst 71 Big Y supermarkets, Fresh Acres Specialty Market and Table & Vine Fine Wines and Liquors.

Big Y Foods, Inc. is one of the largest independently owned supermarket chains in New England. Big Y operates 83 locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut including 70 supermarkets, Fresh Acres Market, Table & Vine Fine Wines and Liquors and 12 Big Y Express gas and convenience locations with almost 12,000 employees. Big Y has been recognized by Forbes as a Best-in-State Employer in Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as Employer of Choice by the Employers Association of the Northeast. Founded in 1936 by brothers Paul and Gerald D'Amour, the store was named after an intersection in Chicopee, where two roads converge to form a "Y."

Monson club offers scholarship

The Monson Garden Club \$500 scholarship is open to a high school senior who resides in Monson and plans to continue school at a two or four-year college in any branch of the life, natu-

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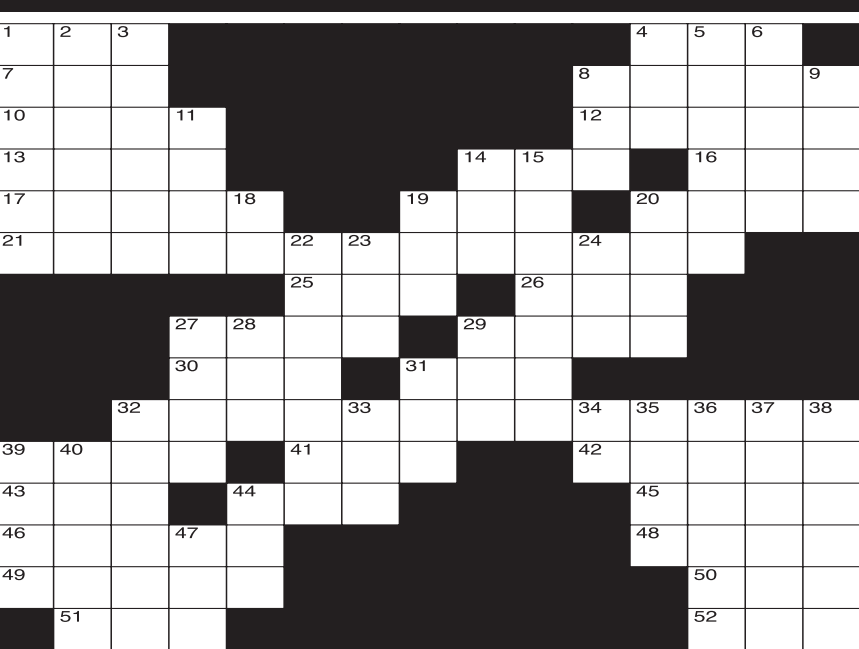
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17. Turn outward
19. Perform on stage
20. "CSI" actor George
21. Localities
25. Make a choice
26. Indicates position
27. One of Thor's names

29. Indian musical rhythmic pattern
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31. Take in solid food
32. Legendary QB
39. Sorrels
41. Organization of nations
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46. Hide away
48. Salad restaurant
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50. Men's fashion

- accessory
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52. Unhappy

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2. Heard the confession of
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18. Suffix
19. Creative endeavor
20. Icelandic poem

22. Spanish dances
23. Town in Central Italy
24. Cars need it
27. Mimics
28. Rocky peak
29. Cigarette (slang)
31. One point south of due east
32. Soap actress Braun
33. Large domesticated wild ox
34. Island nation
35. Appear
36. Addictive practices
37. Loss of control of one's body
38. Type of poster
39. Greek mountain
40. Funny person
44. One and only
47. Pouch

In the classroom

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NOTES



Courtesy photo

Western New England University's Stageless Players made history in early April with its first ever digital theatre production of "The Women of Lockerbie."

Western NE University

Kathryn Henry of Palmer leads the Technical and Production crew for the Western New England University's Stageless Players show, "The Women of Lockerbie."

The Stageless Players made history in early April with its first ever digital theatre production with "Women of Lockerbie" by Deborah Brevoort. The production was presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. of New York and was directed by WNE juniors Kayla Curameng and Molly Doyle.

Set in the hills of Scotland in the 1990s, "The Women of Lockerbie" follows the tragic story of the victims of the Pan Am 103 plane crash and the families that were struck with the collateral damage.

"This has been a time of uncertainty in every sense and when we returned to campus in person, all of the Stageless Players members were waiting to hear if we could do a show. And here we are," Henry said.

"The actors, directors, and tech have put countless hours into this show despite everything going on. From virtual rehearsals and meetings, to the spread-out tech crew build, we've had to adapt our methods to make this work."

University of Maine

Miranda Snyder of Brimfield is the Outstanding Graduating Student in the College of Education and Human Development. The secondary education major with a concentration in English received highest honors for her thesis completed in December, "How Alumnae of a Middle and High School Feminist Organizations Perceive Their Involvement Related to Their Academic Self-Concept."

Snyder was awarded a Center for Undergraduate Research Summer Fel-

lowship and received the Thomas E. Lynch Honors Thesis Scholarship. Last year, she also collaborated with professor Rebecca Buchanan on multicultural teacher education programs. Snyder is president of All Maine Women, co-chair of Feminist Collective, a Fogler Library student ambassador, and a member of Hip Hop Club, Black Bear Mentors and Eating Disorder/Body Positivity/Body Liberation Advocacy/Activism.

She did her student teaching at Herman and Bangor high schools. Snyder plans to be a high school English language arts teacher.

Bard College

Alex Weber of Monson was named to the Bard College at Simon's Rock Fall 2020 Dean's List. To be eligible for this honor, a student must carry 14 or more credits and achieve a grade-point average of 3.5.

Assumption University

Christina Kuss of Monson earned a spot on the rowing team at Assumption University. The team is scheduled to participate in three competitions in April.

"At Assumption University, our student-athletes are committed first to academic excellence and then to their sport," head rowing coach Aline Gumula. said.

"Our team is a strong group of competitors who work tirelessly, both in their sport and in the classroom, to achieve their goals. They are focused on building upon the foundation of talent, leadership, and academic and athletic excellence in competing among the elite athletes in our fellow Northeast-10 schools."

On March 11, Assumption announced the full return to competition for all spring sports programs with a number of safety protocols in place, including regular COVID-19 testing for student-athletes.

Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone
awarding \$3,000 in scholarship prizes

3 prizes will be awarded to students based on essays about distracted driving

REGION – The Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone in Massachusetts is proud to sponsor a nationwide essay contest focusing on innovative ways to prevent distracted driving. The three essay winners will receive \$3,000 worth of scholarship prizes for education-related expenses.

The essay contest is open to current or admitted undergraduates (including graduating high school seniors) and law school students who will be attending accredited colleges or universities in the United States in fall 2021. Proof of enrollment will be required to receive the award. Essays must be between 500 and 1,000 words long. The essays will focus on how to prevent distracted driving and promote safe driving habits among young drivers.

Distracted driving – especially sending or reading a text – poses a threat not just to the driver, but to their passengers, people in other cars, and pedestrians. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from 2014-2018 more

than 15,000 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, and teens ages 15-19 have the largest percentage of fatal crashes due to distracted driving.

The winning essay will be awarded \$1,500. The second prize winner receives a \$1,000 prize. Third place receives a \$500 prize. Only one essay can be submitted per student. Essays must be original content.

The application deadline is May 31. Winners will be announced on July 31. Applicants can view the rules of the contest and apply online at the following web page for the Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone: www.marksalomone.com/scholarship

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 - School name and address
 - A short, two to three sentence bio

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HISTORY MATTERS

April 16 to April 30

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children's books that emphasize the importance of American history.

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith
Guest columnists

Less than two months after the siege of the Alamo, the Texas War for Independence took a turn towards triumph; on April 21, 1836, Sam Houston overwhelmed the army of Mexican General Santa Anna in the Battle of San Jacinto Houston, and his volunteers flogged the Mexican army and imprisoned their leader.

Houston agreed to release Santa Anna, a former Mexican president 11 times, only if he endorsed a treaty that acknowledged their independence and ended Mexico's aggressive machinations.

In the meantime, the Republic of Texas was formed in 1836, and Houston was elected president–twice.

On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas became America's 28th state, but maneuvers with Mexico persisted another two years; according to History.com, it "helped to fulfill America's 'manifest destiny' to expand its territory

across the entire North American continent."

For more information about Sam Houston, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends "The Mexican American War" by John DiConsiglio.

Earth Day
In 1847, Vermont Congressman George Perkins Marsh gave a speech that positioned the nation into thinking about the necessity "to conserve America's natural resources," according to the Library of Congress.

Seventeen years later, President Lincoln signed the Yosemite Valley Grant Act; it declared that California's Valley and Mariposa Big Tree Grove "shall be held for public use, resort and recreation." Eight years later, President Ulysses S. Grant signed the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act into law and set up the first national park in the world.

Throughout the industrial revolution, in the end days of the 19th century and most of the 20th, the environmentalists' lobby to restore water and air pollution to reasonable ratios, has lagged in most cases.

Then, in 1969, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson inaugurated a crusade to enlighten America about why the earth's resources needed to be saved.

The first "Earth Day" was celebrated April 22, 1970. According to the website,

Students invited
to enter annual
arts contest

Time is running out to enter the annual Congressional Art Competition.

Winning entries are displayed in the nation's capital. Submissions are due April 28.

Congressman Richard E. Neal is calling on local high school artists to submit their applications.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a great opportunity for talented young artists from our local high schools," Neal said.

"Each year we have stellar submissions from across the First Congressional District and one winner's artwork will be chosen to hang in the halls of the United States Capitol representing Western and Central Massachusetts. Even in the midst of the pandemic, we continue to hold this time-honored tradition. I am excited to see this year's applicants."

The competition is open to high school students from the First Congressional District of Massachusetts. The artwork must be two dimensional and not exceed 26" x 26" x 4." The art must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Each student may submit up to three entries.

This year, students will be asked to submit photos instead of their actual artwork for judging due to the pandemic. Because of this, it is very important that students use the entry form to explain their pieces as thoroughly as possible. The name, description, medium, and size measurements will assist the judges as they rate the entries.

Photos of the art and entry release form must be submitted by April 28 to Jeanne Ahern at Jeanne. Ahern@mail.house.gov. The rules and submission entry release forms can be found at neal.house.gov/art-competition.

For more information, students or teachers can contact Ahern directly.

the event "inspired 20 million Americans, at the time, 10% of the total population of the United States, to take to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 years of industrial development, which had left a growing legacy of serious human impacts."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "World Without Fish" by Mark Kurlansky.

George Washington
On April 30, 1789, George Washington was "humbled" when he was elected America's first president, according to the Library of Congress. Washington "delivered the speech in a deep, low voice that betrayed what one observer called 'manifest embarrassment.'"

He conveyed his Federal Hall remarks in the nation's New York City capital. They were somewhat brief and fixated on the passage of the Bill of Rights. He had no obligation to deliver a message, other than to take his oath of office, but with that gesture, he set a precedent to address the nation, a tradition observed by every president since. Washington was the Chief Executive two consecutive, four-year terms.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "George Washington and the Founding of a Nation," by Albert Marrin.

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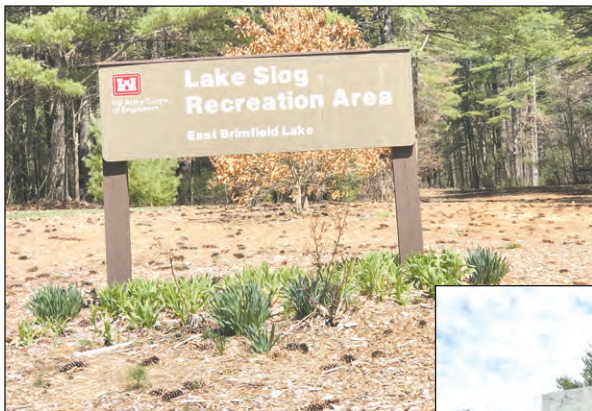
Members of Wales Scout Troop 765 and their adult leaders mixed and poured six tons of concrete for a bridge at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary. Shown here are (back, from left): Rick Talbot (staff), Heidi Dietz (Troop 765), Ethan Smith and Seth Talbot (staff), Chris Dietz (Troop 765) and Roger Felton (volunteer) and (front, from left) 765 Scouts Nathan, Thomas, Zachary, Aidan, Max and Keller.

Wales Scout Troop 765 Helps Build Bridges

WALES — Over two recent weekends, members of Wales Scout Troop 765 and their adult leaders helped to mix and pour approximately six tons of dry concrete to create the footings for a new trail bridge at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary, located at 30 Peck Road in Wales, has trails that are open to the public from early May until Thanksgiving. Working in the environmentally sensitive area of a stream bank, much of the work had to be done by hand or with light equipment, including hauling the nearly 150 80-pound bags of concrete to the work sites. The staff of the Norcross Wildlife Foundation was very grateful to have the eager and able hands of Scout Troop 765 to help get this work done.

The new trail bridges will be completed in the coming weeks, along with new way-finding signage for the trails, which will be opened to the public sometime after May 1. Go to the Norcross website at norcrosswildlife.org to find out when the trails are open, or email info@norcrosswildlife.org to get on our mailing list.



The gem of the day was Lake Siog Park. It's already on my list of happy places.

Libby takes the measure of the tennis courts at Hitchcock Park. I hope to get out there and hit soon.



Turley Publications photos by Michael Harrison

Hitchcock Park has playing fields, tennis courts and a basketball court. I'm thinking it's a good place to toss the Frisbee or play some catch when the playing fields aren't in use.

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Park and what a revelation. Surprisingly, there were few people there, though I did pass another hiker on the trail that starts at the lake and takes you back out to the parking lot. We were disappointed to see dogs aren't allowed on the beach, but they are permitted on the trail.

Before hitting the trail, I loitered near the lake, where a couple of people were out on small boats. Someone was fishing on the opposite shore.

Before walking to the trailhead I scanned for birds with my binoculars (I'm not a knowledgeable bird watcher) and spotted a

heron. Spectacular. There's a canoe launch and grills and I plan of spending as much time there as possible over the next few months.

All that hiking on a warm day meant one thing: I needed some ice cream. I found that and more scenery at Westview Farm Creamery in Monson. Full disclosure: I was there once before, though in the fall when there was a pumpkin patch, so this was a completely different vibe. There was a bridal shower underway on the deck and the place really lives up to its name with a clear view of the hill country and a

gourmet selection of fresh-made ice cream. And baby goats. I went all-in on a triple scoop waffle cone of Mexican chocolate (more heat than I expected and maybe the most exotic frozen treat I've ever had), coffee, and pistachio.

Sadly, Libby jerked her leash to talk to some passersby and I dropped my cone after just a few licks! I grumbled all the way back to get in line for a replacement but was all smiles on the walk back.

The last stop was on the way home when decided walking off the ice cream wouldn't be a bad idea. We pulled into Hitchcock

Park and except for a few kids shooting hoops, we had the place to ourselves. After a couple of laps around the perimeter, we checked out the tennis courts and saw the nets are up.

Time to re-grip the racquet!

As editor of your local newspaper, I love experiencing all our coverage area has to offer. Have any suggestions? Just shoot me an email at mharrison@turley.com or message me on the Journal Register's Facebook page. See you next time!

Goodwin and Kaitbenski win selectman seats

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

STURBRIDGE — In a four-way race for two selectmen's seat, Jaime Goodwin and Chase S. Kaitbenski won last week's election with 670 and 557 votes, respectively, according to the town clerk's office. The other two candidates, Michael G. Suprenant and Priscilla C. Gimas, received, 400 and 261 votes, respectively.

For the single Sturbridge School Committee three-year seat, Samantha L. Kaitbenski received 510 votes over Daniel J. Stern's 480 votes. Michelle Fitzgerald and Megan H. Haggerty won two seats on the Tantasqua School Committee, with 679 and 619 votes, respectively. A third candidate, Susan Waters, received 474 votes.

The remaining positions were uncontested: Dr. Louis E. Fazen III received 821 votes for a Board of Health seat; for a three-year Board of Assessor seat, Paul J. Murphy received 851 votes and for a two-year term on the Board of Assessors, Moira M. McGrath received 851 votes.

Michael V. Caplette received 813 votes for moderator, Robert G. Cerny received 816 votes for a constable position, Juliana R. Kuszewski received 814 votes for a three-year term on the Recreation Committee, Diane M. Trapasso received 815 votes for a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Carol E. Mitchell and Michele Latour received 787 and 769 votes, respectively, for two terms on the Library Board of Trustees.

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How to manage my time between having a full courseload and multiple extra curricular activities.

The best thing about high school was....

Breaking my nose during an evacuation drill

The best thing about senior year was....

Not catching COVID-19.

Which emoji best sums up your senior year?



What's the first song on your go-to playlist? "Pursuit of Happiness," by Kid Cudi.

Last book read (or currently reading):

I'm not an avid reader, so the books I'm currently reading are my psychology and economics college textbooks.

In 100 words or fewer, please discuss what Palmer High School means to you and/or how you would like to be remembered:

I would like to be remembered for my hard work and leadership. Whether it was in the classroom or for sports, I always put in my best effort and tried to set a positive example for those younger than me with my kindness, attitude, and willingness to help others. I'd also like to be remembered for my community service. Because of my time on the District Attorney's Youth Advisory Board, I was able to use my platform to educate parents and schools throughout Hampden County on the issues schools face today.



Hannah Mega

Hannah Mega

Age: 17

College/post-high school plans: Cosmetology School.

Who has influenced you most during high school? My Mom and Ms. Marceau are two of the main people that have influenced me during high school because they have really both helped me out through high school to make my learning a better process for me.

What's something you were nervous about when first starting high school that turned out to be something you can laugh about now?

In eighth grade I was nervous about meeting my new teachers and now I know most of the teachers and they are really nice and helpful with everything.

Favorite class/subject?

English/History

Name one class/subject you never thought you'd like, but came to appreciate:

Economics. I thought it was a boring class at first but then I learned a lot about Taxes and How to use money responsibly.

What's one thing you learned in high school that changed your life?

Speaking for myself, Making sure that I was comfortable with speaking out of my comfort zone.

The best thing about high school was....

The best thing about high school was meeting new people,

having fun with teachers and students.

The best thing about senior year was....

Being able to be in the school building for my last few months of being a high schooler.

Which emoji best sums up your senior year?



What's the first song on your go-to playlist? "Super Trouper" by ABBA.

Last book read (or currently reading): "Water For Elephants."

In 100 words or fewer, please discuss what Palmer High School means to you and/or how you would like to be remembered:

Palmer High school means a lot to me because I feel safe when I go into the school.

Mrs. North makes everything happy and safe as possible as well as the teachers too. I'm happy to be learning every day with the teachers I have, they make sure that I know how to do any of the assignments. I've had many good times with each student and teacher that makes me feel like my final year of high school amazing!



Miyah Mega

Miyah Mega

Age: 18

College/post-high school plans: Studying Biochemistry at Merrimack College.

Who has influenced you most during high school?

During high school the person who influenced me the most in high school has been my mom. She's always been there for me and has done so much in her life, whether it was for me or not; she's a great role model that I try to be like everyday.

What's something you were nervous about when first starting high school that turned out to be something you can laugh about now?

Something I was nervous about in high school was definitely fitting in with the older kids. I now laugh about it because high school isn't that bad at all, like AT ALL.

Favorite class/subject?

My favorite class/subject is Biology or any type of science because I love learning about the different communications of living and nonliving organisms.

Name one class/subject you never thought you'd like, but came to appreciate:

One class subject I never thought I'd like was economics because I just never was exposed to the material. Although this year it was definitely one of my favorite classes I've ever taken at Palmer High School and I greatly enjoyed it.

What's one thing you learned in high school that changed your life?

One thing I learned in high school that changed my life was prioritizing my happiness. What I mean by this is being able to be a

kid while I can but having responsibilities as well. It's good to grow especially in high school because you learn so many lessons and a big thing that's changed my life is just to make sure I prioritize my happiness next to being responsible so I can succeed in my life the way I want.

The best thing about high school was....

The best thing about high school was playing under the lights whether it was a soccer game or softball game. They were always unforgettable and memorable to me.

The best thing about senior year was....

The best thing about senior year so far has been able to look forward to a graduation and being in school full time with my friends.

Which emoji best sums up your senior year?



What's the first song on your go-to playlist? "Good Grief" by Bastille.

Last book read (or currently reading): "In the time of the Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez

In 100 words or fewer, please discuss what Palmer High School means to you and/or how you would like to be remembered:

Palmer High School to me has always meant and been a chapter in my crazy book of life that I'll never forget. Growing up into the high-school setting I've learned the skills that it takes to succeed in life and how to take initiative. These qualities along with many others have shaped me into the person I am today. As a person I guess I really want to be remembered as somebody who was always there for someone but I would also want to be remembered as a hardworking leader whether it was being a part of our student council, national honor society or sports team; It would be nice to be remembered as anything for any reason.



Abigail Rathbone

Abigail Rathbone

Age: 17

College/post-high school plans: Attending Southern New Hampshire University, majoring in early childhood education.

Who has influenced you most during high school?

My mom has always been my biggest influencer in life. She's always taught me to stand up for what is right, and how to be a strong female in today's society. I am so proud of the person she is and to have the honor of calling her my mom. I don't know what I would do without her.

What's something you were nervous about when first starting high school that turned out to be something you can laugh about now?

Honestly heading into high school I was never worried about fitting in, or getting lost. I was concerned that I was going to be listening to the wrong types of music.

Which is so silly to me because music has become such a big part of who I am today.

Favorite class/subject?

Ceramics with Mr. Burns and World History with Ms. McDiarmid.

Name one class/subject you never thought you'd like, but came to appreciate:

I never thought I would be one to love a Spanish class, but Senorita Hotchkiss made the class so fun and enjoyable, while we were learning at the same time. Granted I wasn't very good at the class, I still enjoyed it a lot.

What's one thing you learned in high school that changed your life?

I think that the one thing I learned in high school that impacted me the most, was to always be kind. Even just a simple hello or how is your day going, could impact someone so much. Because you never know what someone is going through, or if they are struggling.

The best thing about high school was....

Finding my people. I know leaving high school everyone is heading in different directions, but I know what people are truly there for me at the end of the day. And the people who I will still be in contact with in 20 years, when we are all living our own lives.

The best thing about senior year was....

I think that the best part of senior year has been getting back to school. I know that personally I struggled being in quarantine for all those months, so being back in school and seeing so many familiar faces made the year worth while.

Which emoji best sums up your senior year?



What's the first song on your go-to playlist? "The Man" by Taylor Swift

Last book read (or currently reading): "The Hunger Games"

In 100 words or fewer, please discuss what Palmer High School means to you and/or how you would like to be remembered:

Palmer high is a place of security and somewhere I just think of as home. I know I'm excited to graduate this year, but I will miss the safety I felt being in this school system. I'm also going to miss seeing the staff and teachers faces every day next year. Because they have impacted me as a person so much, and have helped me become who I am today. I would like to be remembered as the girl who could always make you smile, even on your worst days.



Olivia Sloat

Olivia Sloat

Age: 18

College/post-high school plans: Attending Emmanuel College in Boston. My plan is to major in Biology with a concentration in Health Science and to then go on to Audiology or become a Physician's Assistant that specializes in Ear,

Nose and Throat.

Who has influenced you most during high school?

My entire family because I have a reliable support system that I can turn to whenever I need

What's something you were nervous about when first starting high school that turned out to be something you can laugh about now?

Running the mile for soccer tryouts.

Favorite class/subject?

Anatomy and Physiology and or any science courses.

Name one class/subject you never thought you'd like, but came to appreciate:

Computer literacy that I took in eighth grade because I learned how to type and today I am very thankful for that.

What's one thing you learned in high school that changed your life?

One thing that I learned in high school is that friends come and go but true friends will last a lifetime.

The best thing about high school was....

Being a part of so many different sports and extracurricular activities because they have shaped me into the individual that I am today.

The best thing about senior year was....

Not having to take the SATs due to COVID-19.

Which emoji best sums up your senior year?



What's the first song on your go-to playlist? "Stronger" by Kelly Clarkson.

Last book read (or currently reading): "Educated" by Tara Westover.

In 100 words or fewer, please discuss what Palmer High School means to you and/or how you would like to be remembered:

To me, Palmer High School is a place that has made me into the individual I am today. Palmer High has allowed me to be a part of several activities from soccer, student council to becoming National Honor Society Chapter President. I have gained so much knowledge and insight about life that I can carry with me for years to come. I would like to be remembered at Palmer High School as being an individual who was a part of several different activities along with being a leader inside and outside of the classroom that is always willing to help my fellow peers.

**Karissa Wood**

Age: 17

College/post-high school plans: Wheaton College, double major in Legal Studies and Spanish, Planning to attend Law School post-college.

Who has influenced you most during high school?

Ms. Chapin has been not only the biggest influence, but the most

positive influence for me academically and personally throughout my high school career. With challenging expectations and high standards, I was able to learn out of my comfort zone and still have her there for moral support whenever I needed it. She has been my biggest supporter specifically throughout my college search, and I could give endless thanks for everything she's done for not only me, but Palmer High as a whole.

What's something you were nervous about when first starting high school that turned out to be something you can laugh about now?

I was beyond nervous about being late to class because there are so many floors in the schools. It's funny now because I managed to have three out of four classes on the same floor every year just by chance. Plus, I'm not sure how I thought it would take me more than 5 minutes to walk down the stairs.

Favorite class/subject?

My favorite class was Honors World History freshman year with Mr. Frechette; His perspective on teaching was something I had never experienced before and he made me fall in love with history.

Name one class/subject you never thought you'd like, but came to appreciate:

My favorite subject ended up being Spanish. I always thought I would hate Spanish because evidently, the curriculum is designed for beginners which made it feel childish at times. I grew to love Spanish because it maintained the challenge of a new language with all of the fun it started with my eighth grade year in Intro to Spanish.

What's one thing you learned in high school that changed your life?

I learned throughout my college search that sometimes the choice you really want may not be what best for you. Rejection is OK, and all of our individual paths will lead us where we are meant to be.

The best thing about high school was....

The Costa Rica field trip!

The best thing about senior year was....

Getting accepted into my top college with a really generous scholarship. It made years of hard work feel worth it.

Which emoji best sums up your senior year?



What's the first song on your go-to playlist? "Fifteen" by Taylor Swift. It gives me nostalgia of the ups and downs of high school so it fits perfectly in my life right now!

Last book read (or currently reading): "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak.

In 100 words or fewer, please discuss what Palmer High School means to you and/or how you would like to be remembered:

Palmer High was the shortest experience in my life but will probably be the most memorable. Graduating a year early took many opportunities away due to a lack of time, but it paved the way for some memories that I wouldn't have been able to experience otherwise. I'd like to be remembered as the try-hard; a term that used to hurt my feelings when people used. I've learned to take it as a compliment because I will never settle for anything less than the best I can do.



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Colby Duggan goes for a layup.



Daniel Fiester fights to get his shot off.

HOLYOKE – Last Monday afternoon, Monson took its Fall 2 action to Holyoke High School to face a tough Division 1 opponent. Unfortunately, it was a much tougher challenge for the Mustangs, who lost 79-47.

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BASKETBALL

Mustangs take narrow loss against Holyoke

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON — The first meeting of the Fall 2 season between the Holyoke and Monson girls varsity basketball teams was a very close affair from start to finish.

Trailing by one point with less than two minutes remaining in regulation, the Purple Knights scored the final seven points and celebrated a 53-47 win over the Lady Mustangs at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium last Monday night, April 12.

“I was really happy with my team’s composure and execution during the final minutes of the game,” said Holyoke head coach Andrea Enright. “We also played very well defensively during that stretch.”

The Purple Knights had a perfect 11-0 record following the road victory.

The Lady Mustangs (4-2) saw their amazing 22-game home winning streak come to an end.

“Winning streaks are made to be broken,” said Monson head coach Tim Pascale. “It was a very close game and I’m very proud of the way my team played tonight.”

Monson had the height advantage in the contest.

Senior forward Sydnie DeVries, freshman forward Mya Walker, and eighth grade forward Olivia Charazan, are all listed at 5’10 or taller on the Lady Mustangs varsity roster. The trio combined to score 41 points against the Purple Knights.

“They’re definitely the biggest team that we’ve faced so far this season,” Enright said. “We didn’t handle them as well as I wanted too defensively. We had some lapses at times.”

Charazan scored a game-high 21 points, while DeVries added 12 points, and Walker checked in with 8 points, which was her career-high.

“Mya scored some points and had a few rebounds in tonight’s game,” Pascale said. “It was probably the best game so far in her varsity career. She played with a lot of confidence out there.”

The Lady Mustangs played without eighth grade guard Tennessee Murphy, who’s normally a starter. She didn’t attend the game for personal reasons. Junior guard Rylee Bonneau, who’s also a starter, was accidentally hit in the nose with 5:29 remaining in the first half. She was taken to the hospital to be checked out.

“We played most of the game without two of our starters,” Pascale said. “Rylee, who’s one of our better defenders, got hit in the nose pretty hard. We’re hoping to get some news about her later tonight.”

The Purple Knights, who have seven guards listed on their roster, made more than 80 three-pointers in the first eleven games of the season. They made a total of six treys against Monson.

Junior guard Yamaya Perez scored 12 of her team-high

18 points during the second half. Sophomore guard Bianca Ortiz-Cordero scored 14 points, and sophomore guard Ashley Vazquez also reached double digits with 12 points.

Besides being the girls’ varsity basketball coach at Holyoke High School, Enright also coaches a Mass Frenzy AAU team. DeVries, who recently scored her 1,000th career point, has been a member of Enright’s AAU team during the past three years.

“I’ve been coaching Syd for a long time and she’s an outstanding basketball player. She’s also a great kid,” Enright said. “We both knew that tonight’s game was going to be a hard-fought battle.”

With 1:33 left in regulation, DeVries was fouled while making a lay-up giving the Lady Mustangs a 47-46 lead. DeVries missed the foul shot, but Monson was able to maintain possession of the ball.

After the Lady Mustangs missed a shot, the Purple Knights managed to retake the lead at 48-47 with 1:10 remaining on the clock following a jumper from the left side by Perez.

Following a turnover by Monson, a 3-pointer from the left wing by junior guard Kieriz Matos, which were her only points of the contest increased Holyoke’s lead to 51-57 with 30 seconds left.

“Kieriz couldn’t make any of her shots during the entire game,” Enright said. “I’m glad that she didn’t pass up that shot at the end of the game.”

Two made free throws by Perez with eight seconds left in the contest sealed the deal for the visiting team.

After Holyoke took an early 7-5 lead on an inside hoop by senior forward Taryn Ryan (4 points), the Lady Mustangs reeled off six unanswered points.

Ryan and Nathaliemalée Vazquez, who’s hasn’t played in any games this season because of an injury, are the Purple Knights only seniors.

A DeVries lay-up gave the home team an 11-7 advantage with 3:22 left in the opening quarter.

Monson’s largest lead of the first half was 20-14 with 5:15 left in the second quarter following a pair of inside hoops and a put-back by Charazan.

The Lady Mustangs, who held a 24-21 halftime advantage, were outscored 15-7 during the third quarter.

A field goal by Ortiz-Cordero gave the Purple Knights a 26-25 in the middle of the quarter. It was their first lead since the beginning of the game.

After falling behind by six points late in the third quarter, a Charazan inside hoop and an old fashion three-point play by Walker tied the score at 39-39 with 5:43 left in regulation.

Then a 3-pointer from the top of the key by Perez gave the lead back to the visiting team.

Monson would take the lead one final time before Holyoke pulled away with the late 7-0 run.

TOURNEYW

MIAA activity picking up

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – It has been a rarity for a team from Western Massachusetts to qualify for the Division 1A tournament, a special tournament for select elite teams in various sports.

A lot of questions have been raised about the future of the Division 1A tournament now that the state is going to a statewide tournament and eliminating the sectional tournaments.

Last Thursday, the Tournament Management Committee met to discuss the subject.

The Division 1A tournament will likely be delayed until 2025 in order to allow the MIAA and its various sport committee to compile four years of data under the new structure.

Division 1A tournaments are dependent on the sport, and not all sports hold one. Hockey, basketball, soccer, and baseball and softball are among the sports that could possibly hold tournaments. The 1A tournament has been held for hockey in previous years with Pope Francis, previously Cathedral, taking part in the tournament often.

Baseball has also been a sport that has had a 1A tournament in recent years, with many of the state’s elite teams qualifying to play in it. The teams that qualify often would abandon their section tournaments to participate in the 1A event.

According to the proposal made to the TMC, any approved 1A tournament must have a format that includes selection and seedings using the same power-rating/ranking system that is used for the other tournaments.

Recently, as part of the move to go to a statewide tournament, Maxpreps was secured to organize tournaments and collect information for rankings for state tournaments. Maxpreps is expected to use a formula to compile power rankings in order to see tournaments. It is not known exactly what the formula will be, but it could be a modified version of the Walker system, a ranking system utilized by teams from Western Massachusetts for tournaments. The system was developed for use due to the vast diversity among the schools in the region.

The proposal also says any 1A tournament must be single elimination tournaments. There are currently no multi-elimination tournaments with the exception of consolation rounds for wrestlers. But that is an individual, not a team tournament.

According to the proposal, data will be analyzed in the next four years in order to see if dominance exists in particular sports and if there is a need to establish the elite tournament across the state.

There was a 12-2 vote approving the proposal and recommending it to the MIAA Board of Directors.

AUTO RACING



Submitted photos

Ronnie Williams is among the drivers looking to make his way back to a championship this season.

Williams looking for another title run

SEEKONK — Two years ago, Ronnie Williams became the second driver not named Matt Hirschman to win a Tri Track Open Modified Series presented by All Phases Renovations championship. In 2021, he looks to do it again.

Williams, driving for veteran car owner Gary Casella, returns to Tri Track driving the familiar No. 25 he’s taken to Victory Lane before, and hopes to be consistent enough to contend for the title at the end of the six-race schedule.

“Gary can be a clown when you’re around him, it’s fun,” Williams said. “If you look at Gary, you might not think he can set up

a race car... but every single place we go, we are fast. He wants to win, I want to win.... and we just work well together.”

Williams is set for another busy year as a driver, competing full-time chasing his third SK Modified championship at Stafford Motor Speedway, while also running with the Tri Track Series and some select NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and Open Modified events. Over the last three years, Williams has become one of the quickest and most successful rising stars the Modified ranks in New England offers.

BASKETBALL

Presenters named for Basketball Hall induction

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the list of Hall of Famers scheduled to present the Class of 2020 at the Enshrinement Ceremony to be held Saturday, May 15 at Mohegan Sun Arena. More than 50 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony, including all presenters.

Members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2020 were asked to select previous inductees to accompany and present them to their peers. The choice is solely the decision

of the incoming Hall of Famers, or their family members if recognized posthumously.

The Class of 2020 inductees are longtime FIBA executive Patrick Baumann, 18-time NBA All-Star and five-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant, 10-time WNBA All-Star and four-time Olympic gold medalist Tamika Catchings, 15-time NBA All-Star and three-time NBA Finals MVP Tim Duncan, 15-time NBA All-Star and nine-time NBA All-Defensive First Team selection Kevin Gar-

Premier Lacrosse League coming to Gillette

FOXBOROUGH – The Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) powered by Ticketmaster announced today that the league will return to Gillette Stadium to kick off the 2021 season with an opening five-game slate June 4 through June 6.

“There’s no better location to kick off our 2021 tour than Gillette Stadium,” said PLL Co-Founder and CMO Paul Rabil. “Our inaugural weekend in 2019 was a huge success. The fans in New England are passionate, and the Patriots organization is exceptional.”

The PLL season will begin at Gillette Stadium for the second time, getting underway with a primetime matchup between Cannons LC and Redwoods LC under the lights on Friday, June 4. Saturday’s slate includes a championship rematch between Whipsnakes LC and Chaos LC, followed by Archers LC taking on Atlas LC. On Sunday afternoon, Cannons LC will return to the field against Waterdogs LC, and the weekend will be capped off with a matchup between Chrome LC and Redwoods LC.

The PLL is a tour-based model featuring eight teams and the world’s best lacrosse players. In addition to being full-time employees and receiving health benefits, players get equity stakes in the league – a first in professional sports. The league recently announced a merger with Major League Lacrosse, leading to the addition of the PLL’s eighth lacrosse club, Cannons LC.

The 2021 PLL season will include 11 tour stops from June to September. For the third consecutive year, PLL games will be distributed via an exclusive media rights agreement with NBC Sports Group with action being shown through a combination of NBC, NBCSN, and Peacock TV.

The PLL played its inaugural weekend at Gillette Stadium in 2019, and had announced plans to open the 2020 season at the home of the six-time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots and New England Revolution before COVID-19 forced the adjustment of the season to a three-week quarantined and fanless tournament. Gillette Stadium has also hosted five NCAA Men’s Lacrosse Championships since 2008 and holds the NCAA Men’s Division I Championship attendance record (2008: 48,970), the top three attendance records for Division I National Cham-

pionship Games since 2012 (2012: 30,816, 2018: 29,455 and 2017: 28,971) and the top three Division II and Division III National Championship attendance records (2017: 31,560, 2008: 24,317 and 2009: 24,072). The venue hosted professional lacrosse games in 2015, and was recently awarded the 2025 and 2026 NCAA Men’s and Division I Women’s Lacrosse Championships.

Kraft Group President-International Dan Kraft, who was a collegiate lacrosse goalie for Tufts University in the 1980s and served on the executive Board of the 2018 Federation of International Lacrosse’s World Championships Host Committee, expressed his continued support for the league and its ongoing potential to further grow the sport in the New England region and throughout the country.

“We are thrilled to continue our incredible partnership with Paul and Mike Rabil and the Premier Lacrosse League and once again host the league’s opening weekend at Gillette Stadium this summer,” Kraft said. “We sincerely missed hosting professional lacrosse in 2020 and cannot wait to welcome the world’s best lacrosse players back to Foxborough in 2021 for an exciting opening weekend. We feel Gillette Stadium is the country’s preeminent lacrosse venues and look forward to hosting another world-class event promoting the sport in such a large and passionate lacrosse region.”

Under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ reopening plan, Gillette Stadium will safely welcome fans to each game, and tickets are available now for all five games at Ticketmaster.com.

The PLL will work with its venue partners to maintain compliance with local and state governance regarding health and safety best practices. This will include standardized weekend-to-weekend health and safety measures, including but not limited to: seating pods, social distancing, enhanced venue cleaning, mobile ticketing, hand sanitation stations, staff and attendee mask requirements. Similar to the 2020 season, the PLL will be working with a committee of medical professionals to develop health and safety protocols for all players, staff and fans. For more information about the PLL and the 2021 season, visit www.premierlacrosseleague.com.

Monadnock opener set for next weekend

WINCHESTER, N.H. – On Saturday, May 1, Monadnock Speedway will be back in action for the 2021 Season. Although there will be some COVID19 restriction that will remain in place for capacity and social distancing, the speedway has added on 1400 more seats to accommodate the restrictions.

The season opener will be a two-day event this year with the Tri Track Modified Series as the headline on Saturday (May 1) and Granite State Pro Stock Series on (May 2). There will be a practice session held on Friday (April 30) from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The divisions scheduled on Saturday are 100 Lap Tri Track Modified Series, NHSTRA Modifieds, Pro Truck Series, Mini Stocks, Pure Stocks, Young Guns and Classic Lites. Race time is at 5 p.m. The Sunday line up will include 100 Lap Granite State Pro Stock Series, NHSTRA Modifieds, Late Models, Street Stocks, NELCAR Legends and Enduros. Race Time is at 2 p.m.

Advanced General Admission Tickets and Reserved Camping Sites area available for purchase at www.monadnockspeedway.com. Pit Admission tickets will not be available in advanced and are available for purchase on the day of the event.

For more information, go to the speedway’s website at monadnock-speedway.com or call 603-239-4067.

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Athlete of the Week

NAME: Mya Walker

SCHOOL: Monson

Walker got into the scoring action as she put up eight points for Monson in a great effort against Holyoke.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-

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Sign up for Quabbin Valley Baseball

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is an age 28-and-over league which plays its games Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning in late April and concluding in late August. It is a six-team league and a 15-game schedule with all teams getting at least one playoff game at the end of August.

The league is seeking new players to join in the fun. The cost to play in 2021 is \$192.50 and registration can be found at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Games are mostly being played this year in Easthampton and South Hadley. Players who wish to pitch in the league must be 30-years-old.

Sign-ups will continue to be open as the league still has open roster spots for new players. Players who sign up in the first few weeks of the season should be able to be placed with a team.

The league’s first games are scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For the 2021 season, there is a mask-wearing rule, as well as modifications that prohibit any type of spitting or close contact, and players are required to take out all trash they bring in with them. The league allows the use of BBCOR-certified -3 bats as well as wood bats. Games are nine innings and all players who participate get to hit and play the field. For more information or to contact someone from the league, go to the league’s website.

Valley Wheel Baseball seeks new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is looking for new players for the 2021 season, which is set to begin at the end of April. Players who are 28-years-old prior to June 1 are eligible to play in the league this season, however, only those 30 by June 1 are eligible to pitch. The league includes six teams and there is a 15-game season that begins on Sunday, April 25. Games are 12 Sundays, a special Mother’s Day weekend Saturday game, and two weekday night games under the lights. The season ends the final week of July with the playoffs for the top four teams during the first two weeks of August. While tryouts have completed, there are still open roster spots among the six teams in the league. The league will continue to accept applications for new players throughout the season. All players bat and every player spends at least four innings in the field in a nine-inning game. The league will be playing with some minor modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic to start. For more information, please contact League Commissioner Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net.

2021 spring turkey season happening now

The 2021 spring turkey hunting season in Massachusetts is April 26 to May 22.

Hunters are encouraged to buy hunting licenses and permits online MassWildlife offices are currently closed, but hunters can purchase licenses and permits online through MassFishHunt or through any license vendor. Minors under 18-years-old can also purchase licenses online, click here for details.

Regulation requires that all hunters place an official green safety sticker on their firearm positioned so it’s visible when sighting down the barrel.

MassWildlife urges all hunters

to use MassFishHunt to report harvested birds online. If they need to report their harvest in person, view a map of check stations open this spring.

MassWildlife offers the following tips.

Follow state guidance related to COVID-19, social distancing, and travel.

Always follow the 10 basic rules of firearm safety.

Be completely sure of your target and what is beyond it before you shoot. Always practice firearm safety.

Don’t stalk turkey sounds; it could be another hunter. Sit or stand and call the birds to you.

Do not wear red, white, blue, or black; these colors are associated with male turkeys.

Protect your back. Set up against a large tree or rock and make sure your view isn’t obstructed. Don’t hide in a place with an obstructed view.

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“It’s fun,” Williams said of all of his driving ventures. “It’s better when we are winning... last year we didn’t have as much success as we would have liked, but hopefully this year we can turn it back around and have some more fun.”

Tri Track will visit three New England race tracks in 2021 -- Monadnock Speedway, Star Speedway and Seekonk Speedway. Williams has previous wins at Monadnock and Seekonk, but has yet to hold the checkered flag at Star.

“I don’t have a ton of laps at Star but I love it,” Williams said. “It’s a weird little track. We almost had a win there in the SBM when Ron Silk beat us, which was a great race. It’s one track that both Gary & I really want to win at this year. Hopefully we can get it done.”

Williams knows the competition is going to be stout, and the path to wins, or the championship, will not be easy with Tri Track.

“You have a guy like Matt Hirschman racing and a lot of people from a lot of different parts of New England coming to run with Tri Track,” Williams said. “It provides some of the best racing and brings the best drivers.”

The Tri Track Open Modified Series presented by All Phases Renovations season begins on Saturday, May 1 at Monadnock Speedway. For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, visit TriTrack-Modifieds.com and follow the series on social media.

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nett, three-time NCAA National Championship Coach of Baylor Kim Mulkey, five-time Division II National Coach of the Year Barbara Stevens, four-time collegiate National Coach of the Year Eddie Sutton, and two-time NBA Champion coach Rudy Tomjanovich.

The 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees and Presenters: Patrick Baumann, presented by Russ Granik (’13), Vlade Divac (’19)

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Eddie Sutton, presented by John Calipari (’15), Bill Self (’17), Sidney Moncrief (’19)

Rudy Tomjanovich, presented by Calvin Murphy (’93), Hakeem Olajuwon (’08)

5 reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge poolside, skip rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today's youngsters spend much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices.

Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although kids needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The following are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

1. Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

2. Physical activity: Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accus-

tomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3. Gain confidence. Day and sleep-away camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.

4. Try new things. Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlightening for children.

5. Make new friends. Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes, and enable campers to make lifelong friends.



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How to help kids make friends at school

The average student likely spends more time at school and participating in extracurricular activities with classmates than he or she does at home. In close proximity to so many peers, it may seem like making friends would be a snap. However, some students have trouble connecting and can use a little push to make friends.

The family and parenting resource Parenting Science notes that research indicates that the most popular children are those who exemplify certain traits. These traits include being caring; a willingness to share; a willingness to offer help; and strong verbal skills. Children who embrace these traits may prove better at making friends. Parents may find that youngsters need some encouragement to build their social circles, and the following are some ways parents can offer that encouragement.

- Encourage kids to seek out someone on their own. It may be challenging to walk up to a group and introduce yourself. Encourage students to seek out someone who is alone and then strike up a conversation, which can be less intimidating than approaching a group. Emphasize to kids that other students may also be a little shy and looking to make friends.

- Practice conversation starters at home. Children can work with their parents to come up with topics that can help foster communication. These can include ice breakers and common interests, such as favorite television shows or video games.
- Teach kids approachable body language. Wearing earbuds or exhibiting negative body language, such as crossed arms or avoiding eye contact, can make a person seem less approachable. Smiling, engaging in conversation and being friendly can make it easier to make friends.

• Ask teachers to help. The education resource Understood says teachers can give children responsibilities, such as the opportunity to hand out snacks or papers, which can build confidence and provide opportunities for kids to converse with their peers.

• Help children be active listeners. An active listener is someone who makes it clear that he or she is paying attention. Making eye contact, orienting the body toward the speaker and making relevant verbal responses are some active listening strategies that can help kids more fully engage with their peers. Feeling valued and listened to may encourage other children to be more friendly and engaging.

• Ask open questions. The social networking advisement site Young Scot suggests having students ask open questions, such as: "How was your summer?" or "What sports do you like to play?" These types of

questions can kick-start in-depth conversations.

• Join a team or club. Students often make friends in social or extracurricular settings, such as on a sports team. With a shared interest, it's easy to find topics to discuss.

Making friends in school can make time spent in the classroom more enjoyable for youngsters.

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REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1ST

*YOUTHCAMP@PATHFINDERTECH.ORG
*MORNING DROP OFF AT 8:00 A.M.
*PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.
*AFTERNOON PICK UP 2:45-3:15 P.M.
*SNACKS AND LUNCHES PROVIDED

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DEATH NOTICES

John Edward Ford, 64
Died: March 28, 2021
Gathering: April 25 at
23 Barrett Road in
Enfield, Conn.

Gerard J. Morin, 77
Died: April 14, 2021

Normand Guerette
Died: April 12, 2021
Funeral Mass: April 24 at
St. Thomas Church



The Journal Register
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

O B I T U A R I E S

John Edward Ford, 64

John Edward Ford, returned to his heavenly home on March 28, 2021, after battling cancer for many months. His final days were spent surrounded by his family and friends.

John was born April 25, 1957, to Jack and Barbara (Larange) deceased Jan. 9, 1965. Jack remarried, to Kathleen C. (Ouellette), when she became John's mother at age 5. John was born in Enfield Conn, and lived in Somers Conn., before moving to Chicopee.

John leaves behind his mother Kathleen Doak; his brother and family, Glenn Ford and Linda; daughter Barbara; granddaughter Tae Lyn; his sister Julie Gromosky and brother-

in-law Rob, and their children Jillian and Jeremy Lachut, Matthew Gromosky and his family Samantha and Owen, Kelly Gromosky and her family Josh and Skyler, Kerry Gromosky and Matt Kile; His sister Lynn and her husband Kenny Maille and their daughters; Jessica and Todd Bianco and their sons Dominik and Anthony; and Nicholle Maille. He was predeceased by his brother Bruce Ford and his father Jack Ford, and many aunts and uncles, cousins and best friends Eric and Diana.

He loved to attend family gatherings. A special thanks and God's blessings for Bob and his team at John's residential home and the many, many

health care workers who helped John throughout his years of illness. His devotion to his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. We will see you again.

There will be a gathering for friends and family at his mother's house, 23 Barrett Rd., Enfield, Conn., at 1 p.m. on April 25.

For more information call Julie at 413-544-0902 or Lynn 860-749-6560.

Leete and Stevens funeral home is handling arrangements.

"And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it". Ecclesiastes 12:7 ESV.

JL Normand Guerette

PALMER —JL Normand Guerette of Palmer passed away unexpectedly on April 12, 2021.

He was born in Edmundston, N.B. Canada, and raised in the St. John Valley, Maine, and North Tonawanda, N.Y. He attended Fredonia State University before serving in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1964. Normand moved to Hartford, Conn., where he met his wife Bessie Grant. They married June 11, 1966, and they moved to Palmer in 1973.

He was instrumental in starting the tenant's association at the (Quaboag Valley Mobile Home Park) Quaboag Valley Co-Op, along with being a founding member of the Palmer Soccer Association. Normand is a longtime member of the Palmer Lions Club, serving as King Lion twice as well as longtime treasurer; a patriotic member of the Palmer

Council 376 Knights of Columbus, serving as the Financial Secretary of the Palmer Council and had been a longtime member and former chair of the St. Thomas Parish Council.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Maurice Guerette. Normand will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Bessie of 54 years, his three children: Dorene (Scott) Anderson of Palmer, Stacey (Steve) Szymanski of Anchorage Ala., and Normand (Lyndsi) Guerette of Indianapolis Ind.; siblings Jean Paul Guerette of N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Pauline Gworek of Tonawanda N.Y. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren: Jennifer (partner Alex) Anderson of Palmer; Ashley (Wally)



Ritter of Kentucky; Sage, Jonathan, and Bradley Szymanski of Arkansas; and one great granddaughter, Annabeth of Kentucky.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a Funeral Mass Saturday April 24 at St. Thomas Church and burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Livestreaming of the funeral Mass can be viewed by clicking client.tribucast.com/tcid/551739840 and thank you for understanding and abiding by current Covid regulations.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Palmer Lions Club or Palmer Council 376 Knights of Columbus, PO Box 168, Palmer, MA 01069. For details, visit beersandstory.com.

*Gerard J. "Gerry" Morin, 77*

BRIMFIELD — Gerard J. Morin, 77, of Brimfield, died on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at his home following a brief period of declining health.

He leaves his loving wife of nearly 57 years, Janelle N. (Odiorne) Morin; four daughters, Shirley McGann of Phoenix, Ariz., Sheila Browne and her husband Dean of Palmer, Sharon Morin of Brimfield, and Shelley Smith and her husband Steve of Hudson, N.H.; four grandchildren, Austin and Taylor Browne, Thomas Lynds, and P.J. Smith; two sisters, Cecile Smith and Anne Guay; four brothers, Robert, Richard, Donald, and Paul, as well as many friends.

He was born in Palmer, son of the late Lionel and Lucy (Gothier) Morin. He grew up in Warren on the family farm and then moved to Brimfield where he and Janelle have been for the past 54 years.

Gerry was well known

around Brimfield where he served on the Conservation Commission for several years, as well as on the Board of Selectman. He and Janelle owned and operated Indian Hill Farm since 1967. A Holstein Dairy Farm for decades, and later converting to raising beef cattle, Gerry was always busy with the farm and continued to grow and harvest hay. Around the farm, there was always work to be done, or repairs to be made.

He loved animals, and cared that they were taken care of. If a neighboring farm was short on hay, Gerry was always willing to share what he had. He had a fondness for forest management, logging, and stone wall preservation. Although he never actually retired, it was in his later years that he was able to enjoy playing cards, craps, and traveling to

the casinos. He and Janelle often traveled to the area casinos to try their luck, as well as to Las Vegas, where they were able to enjoy their time during those special get-a-ways together.

He loved his "girls," and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all of them.

A graveside committal service was held April 20 in Brimfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the Brimfield Ambulance Service, the Brimfield Fire Department, or the Brimfield Police Department, 34 Wales Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneral-home.com.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 339 calls and made six arrests or summons for arrest April 13-20. Those arrested appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Saturday, April 17

Nathan Robert James Bar-koskie, 22, of 16 Governor Fairbanks Rd., Brimfield, was arrested at 6:29 p.m., on Main Street in Three Rivers, on an arrest warrant.

Monday, April 19

Brandon J. Boone, 34, of 14 Brainerd St., Palmer, was arrested at 11:26 a.m., on Brainerd Street in Palmer, on charges of disturbing the peace and keeping a noisy and disorderly house.

PALMER

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Sunday, April 11

Melissa J. Foley, 45 of 64 Commercial St., Thorndike, was arrested at 6:38 a.m., on charges of a marked lanes violation; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; operating under the influence of drugs and possession of a Class A drug.

Mary Curran-Lima, 59, of 9 Silva St., Monson, was arrested at 2:15 p.m., for violating a harassment prevention order.

Monday, April 12

Cameron Dakota Curtis, 26, of 6 Bliss St., Apt. 8, Monson, was arrested at 9:22 p.m., on charges of an unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; speeding and possession of a Class A drug (Heroin).

Thursday, April 15

Zachary Allen Laviolette, 28, of 43 Palmer Rd., Monson, was arrested at 7:29 a.m., for a probation warrant.

Matthew Ryan Vincelette, 38, of 1382 Cedar Swamp Rd, Coventry, was arrested at 11:16 p.m., on charges of operating under the influence; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and having an obstructed/nontransparent window on a motor vehicle and resisting arrest.

Fire Logs

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call, requesting medical assistance on Wilbraham Street. The department returned to service at 9:06 p.m.

On Sunday, April 18, at 10:44 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Norman Street. The department returned to service at 11:10 a.m.

On Monday, April 19, at 3:55 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident an injury on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 4:16 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

On Monday, April 19, at 9:25 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on High Street. The department returned to service at 9:46 a.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to two calls April 13-19:

On Wednesday, April 14, at 3 p.m., the duty officer responded to a citizen's complaint on Main Street. The duty officer returned to service at 3:20 p.m.

Chicopee recognizes Autism Awareness Month

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE — Across the world, the theme of April is "Light it up Blue" for Autism Awareness Month. On April 2, Chicopee celebrated World Autism Awareness Day with a flag-raising ceremony held outside of City Hall on Springfield Street.

A study conducted by Autism Speaks estimated that the average lifetime cost of treating Autism spectrum disorder ranges between \$1.4 million and \$2.4 million. Sunshine Village, a facility offering programs for and employment to those with ASD, is located in Chicopee at 75 Litwin Lane.

Numerous staff members and employees at Sunshine Village attended last Friday's ceremony. Mayor John Vieau presented Executive Director Gina Kos, wife of former mayor Richard Kos, with a proclamation that declared April as being World Autism Awareness Month.

"I'd like to take a moment to recognize Gina Kos for everything she does at Sunshine Village; not just for those with autism but for all those with disabilities," said Vieau. "You've outreached and done so much for this community and the greater Western Mass. Area, so thank you so much for what you do every day. We're very proud to host Sunshine Village's main campus here in Chicopee."

Sunshine Village was established in 1967 by a small group of parents envisioning a brighter path for their children. Today, with facilities in Chicopee, Springfield, Three Rivers and Westfield, the organiza-



Turley Publications staff photos by Dalton Zbierski
Sunshine Village Board Member Marie Laflamme and Executive Director Gina Kos stand beside Mayor John Vieau on April 6, as he declares the month of April to be Autism Awareness Month.

tion assists nearly 500 adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities each year.

"At Sunshine Village, we serve people regardless of their disability. That was something that our founders were very committed to," said Kos in a 2019 interview with the Chicopee Register. "When an individual comes to Sunshine Village, we look at them as an individual and provide the services that they need in a safe, respectful and dignified way. We have an array of services that allow the individual to be successful and shine."

Sunshine Village's multi-million dollar budget is supported by federal, state and private funding. Its employees work tirelessly to ensure the happiness and growth of all they serve.

As he led the chilly ceremony last Friday morning, Vieau remarked, "It is very cold. It doesn't feel like April and Opening Day for the Boston Red Sox and our golf

course." Cold weather could not dampen the spirits of all those in attendance, neither did it deter a number of city officials from coming out to celebrate the occasion.

Also at the ceremony were Acting Police Chief Lonnie Dakin, Assistant Superintendent Alvin Morton, Library Director Nancy Contois, Hampden County Registry of Probate Rosemary Saccomani, Planning Director Lee Pouliot, City Treasurer and Sunshine Village board member Marie Laflamme, City Councilor Gerry Roy, School Committee representative Mary Beth Costello and Public Information Officer Donna Liszka.

Autism spectrum disorder now affects one in 68 children, according to Massachusetts General Hospital. As one of the country's fastest growing developmental disorders, a child is more likely to suffer from ASD than diabetes, cancer and AIDS combined.

The developmental disability typically reveals itself before the age of 3. While there is no cure for the disorder, children that receive early intervention are more likely to live enjoyable lives.

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Equestrians team up to raise funds for injured rider

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

BROOKFIELD – Often times Brookfield resident and avid equestrian Wendy Waegell would leave her busy job as a scientist for the day, and arrive at the barn well after dark where she boards her two Hanoverian warmblood mares, Tiara and Hattie. Described as a “smiling ball of sunshine,” Waegell is considered to be part of the family at Morning Light Farm, located on Warren Road in Brimfield. Barn manager Kendall Carlson said that Waegell is “like a mother” to her and reminisced about their many road trips to buy all things equestrian at SmartPak and laughter shared over lunches.

This past March, Waegell was seriously injured in a horse-related accident. “We are one big giant family here...witnessing Wendy’s accident was hard and scary,” Carlson said. Carlson, along with the rest of the staff at Morning Light Farm and the local equine community, have joined together to help provide care for Waegell’s pride and joy, her horses. Waegell remains in the hospital with a long road to recovery ahead of her.

Carlson met Waegell when she joined the team at Morning Light Farm in 2014, which is operated by

her mother-in-law, Doris Carlson. “Wendy would literally give you the shirt off her back,” Carlson said. She remembered a time Waegell noticed that her barn boots had holes in them and was surprised the next day by a brand-new pair of boots from Waegell. Carlson even leased one of Waegell’s horses that she owned before purchasing Hattie.

Waegell lives in Brookfield with her husband, and in addition to spending time with her two horses, she devotes her time to her sons, three dogs and other pets. “They are all about their animals,” Carlson said of the Waegell family. Carlson said she spoke with Waegell’s husband earlier in the week and he said they may need assistance in caring for the horses for up to a year, while Waegell recovers. Waegell made sure Tiara and Hattie received the best care and training available, and Carlson and Waegell’s family would like to continue that. Between board, training and other expenses, the cost of maintaining two large, active horses is about \$2,000 a month. Carlson said, “It’s our passions...we’ll do whatever it takes to keep her horses going.”

Carlson formed a Facebook page, “Share the Love,” which features a photo of Waegell riding Tiara. Donations of big-ticket items

and services to be raffled off have been pouring in Carlson said. “It took off – more than I intended,” she said.

Services include training sessions from local equestrians, Carlson included, as well as Phillips Equestrian of Brookfield and many more. Other services include horse training at a facility in Orange, artwork from various local artists, Grey Mare Magna Wave therapy, Erin Gaul professional body clipper, Feldenkrais movement therapy (a class that Waegell herself enjoyed over the winter), River Rock Farm beef, candles from a California-based company that caters to horse people, Rose Foulis personal trainer, Misty View Farm online tack shop, and many more.

Carlson said the items donated for the fundraiser appeal to both horse and non-horse people alike. As donations continue to come in, Carlson will update the Facebook page and announce the start of the raffle. Those that are not on social medial, can email Carlson at kcon-solati@gmail.com for more information.

Carlson had looked forward to showing Hattie this summer and will continue to train her. Both Carlson and her mother-in-law, Doris Carlson, will ride Tiara to make sure



Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette
Hattie, a Hanoverian mare, is owned by Brookfield resident, Wendy Waegell.



Tiara, who is over 20, is a Hanoverian mare is owner Wendy Waegell’s “heart” horse. Both horses are boarded at Morning Light Farm in Brimfield.

both horses stay in top condition. “Tiara misses Wendy’s presence,” Carlson said as she offered Tiara her favorite treat during our interview.

Carlson said she hopes this fundraiser will help “take the financial weight off Wendy’s family’s shoulders.” Any remaining funds

left over after the care of the horses has been covered, will go directly to Waegell’s family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to mharrison@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

Editor’s note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in a Word doc or as email text – no PDFs, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

NOW

PET FOOD PANTRY: Need help feeding your cat or dog? Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary can help! Call/text them at 413-324-8229 or email pampam@heretodaysanctuary.org to sign up for the pet food pantry program for residents of Brimfield, Holland, Palmer, Monson, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Wales, Ware and Warren. Pet food pickup dates are held in Palmer and Ware, or you can pick up pet food any day at our Brimfield shelter. The next Palmer and Ware pickup date is Saturday, April 24. Contact Here Today by Thursday, April 22 to sign up.

SOON

PLANT SALE: Monson Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 8, at Dave Grieve Park Gazebo the corner of Main and Lincoln streets across from Memorial Hall starting at 9 a.m. A wide selection of perennials in addition to wildflowers, vegetables, shrubs, house plants, bulbs and herbs will be available. Plants come from members’ gardens, and members will be available to answer question. Proceeds go to local community projects such as downtown plantings, holiday greens, and a scholarship fund. Masks are required. Rain date is May 15.

EARTH DAY RIVER SWEEP: Volunteers needed for a river clean-up 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, at Laviolette Field in Three Rivers – rain or shine. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will be required to adhere to all COVID-19 safety guidelines and social distancing protocols during the event. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Fortune at 413-626-7084 or sfortune@townofpalmer.com.

POETRY WORKSHOP: “Ekphrastic Poetry: Hear It ! See It! Write It!” presented by Cindy Snow at Memorial Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 19. This workshop is funded by the Monson Cultural Council with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Participants will create poems in response to the art exhibit “The Colors of Change” on display at the House of Art. To register, contact Gay Paluch by e-mail gay.paluch@comcast.net or phone 413 893 9014. The cost for the workshop is \$5. Additional information about the spring exhibit can be found at monsonartscouncil/artshows.

RAFFLE DRAWING: Drawing for the Friends of the Monson Free Library Spring Raffle is May 19. Seven items are available and include gift certificates to Lowe’s, Rainbow Gardens, and Full Circle Skin Care and Massage Therapy , a gardening

gift basket, a Tastefully Simple Gift Basket, a hand made floral twin –sized quilt, and a handmade framed weather proof barn quilt. Items are on display at the Monson Free Library. Orders must be placed by May 12. Forms are available at the Monson Free Library at monsonlibrary.com.

AT THE PALMER LIBRARY

Make your garden pop! The Palmer Historical & Cultural Center & the Palmer Public Library Present “Design A Sunny Perennial Border,” a virtual presentation with Author Jana Milbocker at 6 p.m. Friday, April 23. How do you create a sunny perennial garden that will delight you with colorful blooms and flowers for cutting from spring through fall? Join this Zoom presentation and learn about plant layering, new and reliable perennials, companion plants, and design techniques. Milbocker is the principal of Enchanted Gardens, as well as a lecturer and garden writer. Registration required at palmerlibrary.org.

AT THE HOLLAND LIBRARY

Join the Community Book Club: The book club will meet online via Zoom. Copies of the monthly book selection, in a variety of formats, are available for curbside checkout at the library. Contact the Holland Community Center for more information by calling them at 413-245-3163. Like them on Facebook for updates. To Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 736 9214 3025; Passcode: p95795.

ONGOING

EVERYONE INVITED TO AQUACISE: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club at 91 Claudia’s Way, Ludlow, offer Aquacise for residents of Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, Holland and Wales.

Aquacise will be offered 8-8:45 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. To reserve a spot visit ludlowbgc.org and click on Adult Programs, or call Matt Thompson at 413-583-2072, ext. 122. For updates on the facility, register on the website to receive Club emails. The Club continues to make health and safety its No. 1 priority to ensure all visitors who enter the building have a clean and safe environment.

PALMER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORCE: Consists of business owners, community members, survivors and allies. The Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force promotes education and awareness in the community while empowering, educating and providing resources to those who have been affected by domestic violence and/or intimate partner Violence in Palmer or those who have found safety in Palmer. For help and meeting information, email palmerdvtf@gmail.com. All contact is confidential.

MUSIC LESSONS, YOGA AND MORE: Just because days are short, and the thermometer reads cold doesn’t mean there’s nothing to do. Hitchcock Academy constantly works with instruc-

tors to offer options to its community members. Look for upcoming classes in yoga, tai chi, meditation, and fencing. Hitchcock Academy follows all current COVID guidelines for cleaning and social distancing and anyone using the facility must wear a mask.

All information regarding current class offerings, events, and registration are available at hitchcockacademy.org.

FREE FOOD PROGRAM: The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation has found a way to get food to families that need it. The Farmers to Families program, set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is part of a Coronavirus Food Assistance Program that help people all over the nation and has a site in Springfield open to all residents. The program will supply food kits with fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat products that distributes package into family-sized boxes. You can register for your food kit at mmsf.org. On the website choose “Springfield, Ma” as your pick up site and sign-up. Register for one week or all four with easy one time registration. Food kit includes fresh dairy, protein, and produce totaling 30+ pounds of food. Military families are encouraged to sign-up but registration is open to the public.

BOOKSTORE at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-9952 for more information. While currently closed, we are anticipating reopening later this year.

LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY: Want to learn more about local history? The Elbow Plantation Historical Society is available for research and other information. They can be reached at elbow.plantation@gmail.com. Send them your questions and comments and leave your preferred contact information and they will will respond asap.

THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

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DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M. located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bonds-ville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE: Residents of Palmer, Thorndike, Bonds-ville and Three Rivers seeking emergency help with fuel assistance, utility payments/shut off, food, and clothing can contact the Salvation Army in Canton, MA at 339-502-5900. This is the office located in Canton, MA. If eligible, staff there will be able to address your concerns and provide assistance until the local Palmer office is once again staffed by a volunteer outreach coordinator.

MAKE A DONATION to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscrip-tion. For more information call 267-3866.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? “Christianity Explored” is a study which seeks to answer these questions

from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-250-8548.

MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED by the Monson Democratic Town Committee. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month over Zoom. Contact Chair Karen Nothe-Valley at 413-846-3041 or karen_monsondem@s.yahoo.com.

WEEKLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold ‘Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a non-profit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. atd the Belchertown United Congregation-al Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit www.nema.org.

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Courtesy photo

Cynthia Quaglia parlayed a whim into \$1 million.

Ludlow resident's 'random choice' nets \$1 million

By Michael Harrison
mharrison@turley.com

LUDLOW — Call it a whim, a hunch, a lark, or just plain luck.

Cynthia Quaglia can call it a whole lot of cash. The Ludlow resident told state lottery officials she “randomly” purchased a “100X Bonus” scratch-off lottery card at the Country Trading Post, located at 771 Burnett Road in Chicopee recently, according to the news section of the Mass Lottery website. That \$10 card paid off with a \$1 million prize.

The odds of winning that much are 2,016,000-1, the lottery website says.

The “100X Bonus” game can pay out up to \$4 million and the odds of winning that much are more than 5 million-1.

Quaglia could have opted for \$50,000 a year for 20 years, or a lower lump-sum payment. She chose the latter, which came to \$650,000 before taxes, according to the lottery website.

For selling the winning card, Country Trading Post receives a \$10,000 bonus.

Nursing students collecting donations for diapers, menstrual supplies

Students from the Elms College School of Nursing and the University of Massachusetts College of Nursing are organizing two diaper and menstrual supply drives to benefit It Takes a Village and the Amherst Survival Center.

Several classes of nursing students have been working with It Takes a Village, a local nonprofit organization that provides free postpartum support to families in Western Massachusetts, as part of their clinical practicum requirements. As they were conducting their field study, they were alarmed to learn that the lack of diaper access to low income families has reached a crisis stage.

One in three families in the US cannot afford diapers, and currently families are not allowed to use SNAP (food stamp) or WIC benefits to purchase diapers. A lack of diapers can keep babies from attending daycare, which means parents cannot attend work or school, and keeping a baby in a soiled diaper too long can lead to serious medical complications.

“We didn’t realize how pervasive this problem really is,” Alyssa Waskiewicz, a nursing student at UMass, said.

“It’s heartbreaking that families

must choose between food and diapers.”

Students also discovered the vast public health implications for people who cannot afford menstrual supplies, a problem that is often overlooked.

“The COVID-19 Pandemic has made the problem even worse,” Lisa Goding, program director for It Takes a Village, said.

“Families are out of work, and many of the options they had for low-cost supplies disappeared overnight.”

Mobilized into action, the students decided to plan and implement concurrent supply drives for diapers, wipes, and other sanitary supplies. Elms College students focused on menstrual and incontinence supplies, collecting them through an on-campus drive.

“After the birth of a child, everyone thinks about the baby, and the mother tends to be forgotten,” Sara Scagliarini, a nursing student at Elms College, said.

“We wanted to do something to support the whole family and keep mom in the front of our minds.”

In this age of social-distancing, UMass students decided to find a way for people to donate from home.

Through the end of April, donors can go to yougivegoods.com/UMASS-DiaperDrive and select items to donate, which will be shipped directly to It Takes a Village’s donation center, the Village Closet, in Huntington. Participants can also make a monetary donation, which will be used to offset the costs of deliveries to families lacking transportation, as well as purchasing diapers in sizes not usually donated.

“An anonymous donor is also going to match the value of every donation of supplies or funds, for both schools’ drives,” Goding said.

“These students are making such a huge impact for so many.”

It Takes a Village supports about 1500 families every year through home visits, parent groups, and free supplies. The Village Closet distributes nearly 30,000 diapers every year to families all across Western Mass. The Amherst Survival Center serves more than 6,000 people each year through their food pantry, community meals, drop-in health clinic, as well as a variety of other support services.

For more information, visit yougivegoods.com/UMASSDiaperDrive or www.hilltownvillage.org.

Everyone invited to Aquacise class

The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club at 91 Claudia’s Way, Ludlow, has brought back Aquacise for residents of Hampden County communities, including Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, Holland and Wales. Aquacise will be offered 8-8:45

a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength.

To reserve a spot visit ludlowbgc.org and click on Adult Programs, or call Matt Thompson at 413-583-

2072, ext. 122. For updates on the facility, register on the website to receive Club emails.

The Club continues to make health and safety its No. 1 priority to ensure all visitors who enter the building have a clean and safe environment.

Public Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 21 SM 00041 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: The heirs, devisees, and legal representatives of THE ESTATE OF KELVIN R. BOISVERT; The heirs, devisees, and legal representatives of THE ESTATE OF LAUREL A. BOISVERT; KELLY J. YOUNGBERG, individually and as personal representative of the estates; GWEN R. PINO; KEITH L. BOISVERT; and BRIAN R. BOISVERT; and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq.): PEOPLES UNITED BANK N. A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wales, numbered 43 Stafford Road, given by KELVIN R. BOISVERT and LAUREL A. BOISVERT to CHITTENDEN TRUST CO. DBA CHITTENDEN MORTGAGE SERVICES, dated September 17, 2007, recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16925, Page 239, now held by Plaintiff as successor by merger, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s Servicemember status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or

before **5/31/2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 4/14/2021.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson,
Recorder
04/22/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department Hampden Division

Docket No. HD07P155529GR1 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of **ANDREA FOLEY** of Palmer, Hampden County, MA, a protected person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the **Sixteenth** Account(s) inclusive of T.D. Bank, N.A., and Patricia C Foley, Trustees under a written instrument for the benefit of said **ANDREA FOLEY** has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at **Springfield** on or before the **5th day of May, 2021**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without a cost a copy of said accounts. If you desire to object to any item of said accounts, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day

or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland** Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield this 5th day of April, 2021.

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/22/2021

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **LOUIS M. GEORGE and CHRISTY GEORGE to SOUTHBRIDGE CREDIT UNION** dated October 30, 2002 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds (the “Registry”) in Book 12679, Page 537 (the “Mortgage”), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the “Mortgagee”) is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the mortgaged premises located on or near 1242 Dunhamtown Road a/k/a Dunhamtown Brimfield Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts (the “Premises”), all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

“Property Address: 1242 Dunhamtown Road, Brimfield, MA

Being known and designated as Lot No. 5-A, as shown on a plan entitled “House Lots in Brimfield, MA owned by Robert E. Houde, November 2, 1987, N.E. Leathers”, said plan

being recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 262, Plan 56, said lot or parcel more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin set in the ground on the westerly side of Dunhamtown Road, said iron pin being the northeasterly corner of the lot or parcel herein described;

THENCE running South 8 degrees 42’ 20” West, one hundred ninety-five and 7/10 (195.7) feet along said Dunhamtown Road to a concrete bound as shown on said plan;

THENCE running South 9 degrees 08’ 35” West, forty-nine and 00/100 (49.00) feet to a point;

THENCE turning and running North 77 degrees 38’ 10” West, seven hundred fifty-eight and 6/10 (758.6) feet along the northerly line of Lot No. 5-B as shown on said plan to a point;

THENCE turning and running North 38 degrees 15’ 17” East, two hundred sixty-nine and 8/10 feet (269.8) feet [sic.] to a point;

THENCE turning and running South 78 degrees 49’ 50” East, one hundred eighty-four and 7/10 feet (184.7) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE running South 77 degrees 20’ 15” East, four hundred forty-one and 10/100 (441.10) feet to an iron pin at the point of beginning.

Containing 3.91 acres according to said plan.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Louis M. George and Christy George by Deed of Louis M. George, dated October 29, 2002 and recorded with the Hampden District Registry of Deeds, immediately prior hereto as Instrument No. 94119.”

The description of the

Premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The Premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, encroachments, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/or otherwise having priority over the Mortgage, if there be any.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable deposit of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS is to be paid by certified or bank cashier’s check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid by certified or bank cashier’s check and deed to be taken by purchaser within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Seder & Chandler, LLP, 339 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the adjourned sale.

In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser to perform and to purchase the Premises in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject

to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for the Premises, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers the Premises to the second highest bidder and such person declines either to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.

SOUTHBRIDGE CREDIT UNION
Present holder of said Mortgage

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TOWN OF PALMER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARK DESIGN AT HRYNIEWICZ PARK

The Town of Palmer, through its Community Development Department, is seeking proposals for professional services for the design of Hryniewicz Park. The Park is located in the Village of Three Rivers in Palmer, along Springfield

Street, Maple Street, and Front Street. The project will involve soliciting input from residents as to what types of features they wish to see at the Park, presenting several options to a park design committee for consideration, and preparing bid-ready plans and specifications. This contract will not exceed \$30,000. All work under this contract must be completed by August 30, 2021.

Proposals must be submitted no later than **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 12:00 PM**. The Town of Palmer reserves the sole right to review the Proposals submitted, waive any irregularities therein, and to select or reject any or all submissions deemed by the Town of Palmer to be in its best interest.

For complete requirements for proposals, please contact Dakota at ddesrochers@townofpalmer.com. 04/15, 04/22/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING NATIONAL GRID May 10, 2021 – 2:00PM

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Palmer Town Administration Building, 4417 Main St., Palmer at **2:00PM on the 10th day of May 2021** on the petition of National Grid to locate poles, wires and fixtures along and across one or more public ways located at Palmer Street in the Town of Palmer.

Ryan McNutt,
Town Manager
04/22/2021

Baystate Wing accepting scholarship applications

PALMER — The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has announced applications are now being accepted for their annual scholarship program. The scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors attending local schools, including Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, and Pathfinder high schools who are pursuing higher education in a health-care field.

“Despite the current COVID-19 virus restrictions, limiting the group’s ability to fundraise, the Auxiliary members are proud to continue their annual tradition of offering seven \$1000 scholarships to area students,” said Teresa Grove, Auxiliary vice president.

Scholarship Application Information:
• All applications must be submitted via email by April 27.

• Seven (one year) scholarships will be awarded by the Baystate Wing Auxiliary in May of 2021.

• Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000. Applicants must be planning to pursue a career in health care and must be accepted into an accredited health care program such as nursing, medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, radiology, pharmacy, medical technology as well as other health care related fields.

• A student who is graduating from Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, and Pathfinder high schools in 2021 can apply.

• Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary scholarship applications are available in each school’s guidance office and will be accepted by email only.

For more information, student applicants should speak to their guidance counselor.

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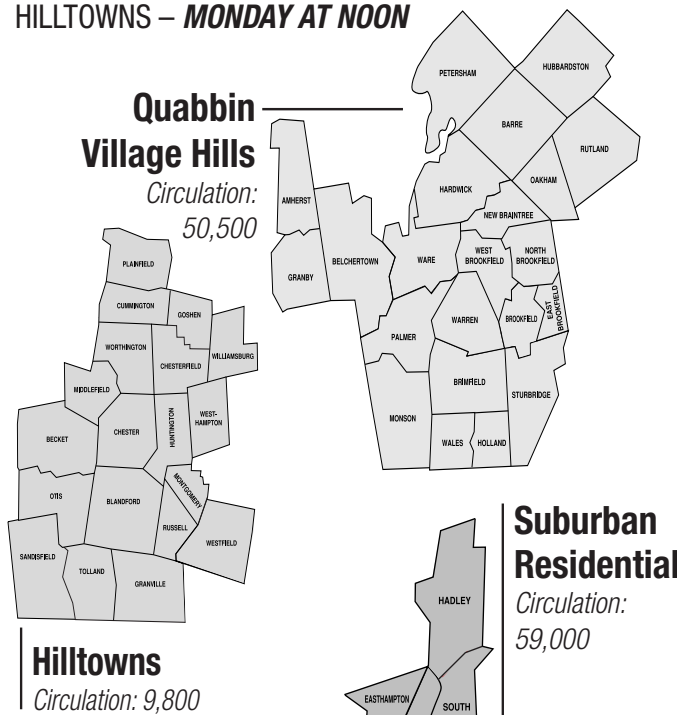
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This is Mikey. “He was having a blast playing in the snow. It’s his happy place,” Devon Wood of Palmer said.



At Echo Hill Orchards and Winery in Monson, snow settles on the recently emerged peach blossoms. The folks at Echo Hill say they are cautiously optimistic that the blooms survived the frigid blast.



In Depot Village, when life hands you snow, make a snowman!

Courtesy photos



Jaime Wierzbowski of Monson sent in this scene from Wales Road, where it looks like Christmas in April.



Sadie, owned by Rich and Lisa Walch of Palmer, romps in the snow.



Erica Sabia sent in this photo of the (hopefully) last snowman of spring.

Wait. It's still spring, right?!

REGION —After a freaky nor’easter blanketed the area in snow last Friday, we asked readers on Facebook to send us some photos of their neighborhoods and how

they decided to make the most of the unexpected arctic blast in spring.



Nearly a foot of snow accumulated in this yard in Monson Hills.



In this photo sent in by Mark Cahoon, it looks more like Christmastime than early spring.

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